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SUMMARY.

The Czar has directed that the Premier and his family shall reside in the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg.

A bomb was thrown at a wedding at Usopaka, killing three persons and wounding 13.

Sixteen fresh battalions of troops and 1200 Cossacks have arrived at Warsaw.

Nineteen soldiers and three civilians who took part in the Sveaborg fortress mutiny have been shot.

Thirty-three soldiers were sentenced to penal servitude from 12 to 15 years, and 526 others were also dealt with.

The Imperial Government has sanctioned the bill indemnifying the Natal Government for future and past acts in connection with the rebellion.

The temperature in England has been from 91 to 93 degrees, the highest since August, 1893.

An outbreak of East Coast fever is doing havoc among cattle in Natal.

It is feared that the epidemic is more widespread than the former outbreak of rinderpest.

Some infected cattle were sold at Durban, and it is impossible to trace them.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that the essence of Mr. Deakin's proposal is a further instalment of protection.

In most lines affected, the great bulk of the trade is already in British hands.

The Manchester 'Guardian" says that Australia gives away nothing. Of colonial sacrifice there is not the faintest trace.

The "Globe" states that Mr. Deakin's offer is a distinct step onwards in the cause of Imperial reform.

Canadians are disappointed that the Dominion's products should be placed on the same footing as those from the United States.

The American transport Sheridan, 5600 tons, is ashore at Barber's Point, Hawaii.

The accident occurred owing to a steampipe breaking. She struck amidships.

The vessel is broadside on to the shore. The crew have been prevented from landing by the heavy surf.

Mr. Hipple, president of the Real Estate Trust, Philadelphia, who committed suicide, misappropriated £1,000,000 of trust funds.

The county cricket competition resulted:—Kent, 1; Yorkshire, 2; Surrey, 3; Lancashire, 4; Nottinghamshire, 5; Warwickshire, 6; Essex, 7.

Hayward (Surrey) has made 13 centuries and scored 3360 runs, which is a record.

Hirst (Yorkshire) has also established a record by scoring 2000 runs and taking 200 wickets.

The English hop crop is considerably less than half the annual consumption.

The acreage is the lowest for 60 years, but the quality is splendid.

Ten thousand Welsh miners have struck, owing to the employment of a non-unionist.

Sir John Eldon Gorst is the special Commissioner for the British Government to the New Zealand Exhibition.

Six hundred professors of Canadian colleges support the phonetic spelling system.

Heavy floods following poor harvests in Bengal will cause a serious famine.

Many of the crops have been swept away.

The English rabbit trade is improving, and prices are firm.

The principal importers have fixed minimum prices for Victorian and Sydney consignments.

Senor Montt has been proclaimed President of Chili.

The signalmaster at South Head yesterday reported the disappearance of a sailing boat when entering the port about 1 o'clock.

A squall from the north-west, having the force of a hurricane, struck the boat, which sank.

The pilot steamer and Water Police launch made a search, without discovering any trace of the boat.

During the squall a boat containing a lady and gentleman capsized near the lightship. Both persons were soon rescued.

The steamer Yaralla, 482 tons, has been wrecked at Kabu Point, Fiji. There were no casualties.

Showers continued to fall in the southern and western districts on Saturday.

Some of the rivers have been rising for several days.

In various localities stock are being removed from the low lands.

The maximum temperature at Sunny Corner on Friday, when a heavy fall of snow occurred, was 33deg.

New Zealand millers and wheat-growers consider that the trade reciprocity agreement will seriously affect them.

Victorian flour has been offered at 12s 6d per ton (delivered) lower than the local quotation.

At the Warwick Farm races on Saturday The Bairn won the chief event, and Begn the Hurdle Race.

Victoria Cross won the Liverpool Mile. Eruption the Farm Stakes, and Vanlock the Welter.

The winners at Caulfield were:—Retrencher (Memsie Stakes), Wickliffe (Hurdle), Noella (Trial), St. Free (Heatherlie Handicap), Federation (Steeplechase), and Mira (Welter).

The four-masted barque Sokoto, in ballast from Antofagasta, Chili, arrived in tow at Sydney early yesterday.

During the south-easterly gale she anchored about a mile off the Mermaid Reef.

The vessel, which was in light trim, lost a few sails.

In the Rugby football competition, Balmain and Newtown played a draw—6 points each.

Glebe beat Manly by 13 to nil. Sydney beat North Sydney by 19 to 3, and South Sydney defeated St. George by 12 to 11.

The University team forfeited to Eastern Suburbs, owing to their departure for New Zealand, where they will play five matches.

In the Australian code competition, Newtown and Redfern are left in the final.

Glebe and Balmain will contest the British Association competition final.

The third of the hurling matches, New South Wales v Victoria, at Sydney, was won by the visitors by 13 points to 6.

The rubber was won by New South Wales by two games to one.

At Perth 2033 tins of provisions and 144 tins of Chicago potted meat have been seized.

The Victorian Premier has decided to place £5000 on the Estimates for roadmaking by prisoners in the back country.

An allowance will be paid the prisoners on their release.

In a hill-climbing handicap by the Automobile Club at Coogee on Saturday 18 motor cars took part.

The winning car (Clement-Talbot) was owned by Mr. Arthur Winchcombe, and driven by Kenneth Winchcombe, aged 16.

Another attempt is being made to have eight hours a legal day's labour for certain occupations.

It is also proposed that 44 hours shall be a legal week's work.

Workmen shall not be compelled to work eight hours where a less number has been agreed to.

A bill before the New Zealand Parliament prohibits the sale of firearms to anyone under 21 years of age.

No one under 16 will be permitted to have a firearm or ammunition in his possession.

The R.M.S. Aorangi will leave Sydney at 1 p.m. to-day for Vancouver.

There was very little business in investment stocks on Saturday.

The feature of the Mining market was a strong demand for some Broken Hill silver stocks.

An advance in values followed the forward movement in London.

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			1907.	1907.
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*ORTONA	8000	Jenks	Sept. 22	Sept. 25	Sept. 27
ORMUZ	6065	Shelford	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11
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ORUBA	5858	Plunkett	Nov. 17	Nov. 20	Nov. 22
*OPHIR	6814	Coad	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6
*OMRAH	8282	Symons	Dec. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 20
OROYA	6297	Parker	Dec. 29	Jan. 1	Jan. 3
*ORTONA	8000	Jenks	Jan. 12	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
ORMUZ	6065	Shelford	Jan. 26	Jan 29	Jan. 31
OROTAVA	5858	Collins	Feb. 9	Feb. 12	Feb. 14
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In this week's issue some interesting illustrations and special articles relating to the Mining Industry in this State occupy Six Pages. A fine picture shows where gold was first discovered. There are photographs of big nuggets, a remarkable picture of miners descending a shaft—and many others, including a set taken on the White Cliffs Opal Fields. The feature has a bearing upon the Mining Exhibition, which opens in a few days.

There are other topical pages. One charming picture shows Miss Kellerman ready to start for a swimming race in the Danube. It is one of a set illustrating Events Abroad.

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CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

With a curt invitation to him to follow, Strang rose and crossed to the door, but there he paused, and, facing the sailor, looked him up and down, head to foot, and in an undertone of suspicion observed—

"I don't know—never done it before." Then sharply—"Are you to be trusted?"

The mate bridled up, his tan cheeks flushing angrily, and retreated into the middle of the room.

"That's for you to say, Mr. Strang," he respounded. "Besides, I've never asked to see your stocking, and if you fancy I'll steal it, you'd better keep it stowed away. For two pins I'd not look at the thing at all."

"You wouldn't, eh? Wouldn't look at bonny gold. Oh, Mr. Tinion, what a funny dog you are. Next thing you'll ask me to believe that you mean it. Come along."

Tinion at his heels, Strang shuffled out of the room and along a short passage, which ended at a low door, well locked and bolted. Creaking rustily upon its hinges the door swung back, and Tinion stepped out of the dim light into a dark, unfathomable void, the absolute blackness of which was completed when Strang pulled the door behind them and carefully shot back the bolt. Impressed by the secrecy, the solitude, and the darkness, the mate began to wish the precious stocking at the bottom of the sea, and his misgiving deepened when Strang, instead of procuring a light, gripped his hand and led him further along the unseen path. Stories of his companion's past recurred to him vividly with disturbing emphasis, and the perspiration broke in beads upon his brow with the fancy that for once gossip might have underrated its victim, and that Strang's potentialities might not yet have been plumbed.

In his fear he lost sight of his own strength, forgot that if it came to a battle of thew and sinew he had the other at his mercy.

His wrist tightly held, he was guided deeper and deeper into the sombrous obscurity, dragged step by step, it seemed, from the region of living things and reason. Once he growled an anathema against the darkness and the mystery, but the only response was a thin, cackling laugh more fearsome than the silence. He tried to define the direction whither he was being conducted, but baffled, he abandoned the effort. He knew that they had descended a flight of steps, and at the foot made a sharp turn to the right, but after that they seemed to have traversed a labyrinth of passages, ever twisting and turning. He had lost all sense of locality.

Ah! At last a halt. Strang was fumbling at another keyhole, another door rumbled for their admission, and clanged behind them: there was the fizz of a match and the splutter of a lantern, and the mate beheld the shipowner waving his hand, and heard his attention invited to the "place where I hang my stocking."

To a hurried glance the feeble rays of the lantern revealed a square apartment with walls of rough hewn stone, dank and mouldy. Imagination invested the place with the glamour of romance; in a less excited mood, Tinion would have seen that it was simply an ordinary cellar, though under any circumstances it would have taken more than argument to convince him that he was within call of the door at the top of the steps, that the tortuous maze along which he had travelled consisted of a couple of passages with an opening at either end. Along these he had been led over and over again, until he had been worked up into what Strang regarded as a fitting condition for the drama in which he was intended to assume one of the leading parts.

Still playing the mystery man, the shipowner refrained from further speech, and not until a couple of other lanterns were adding their rays to the first did he break the silence.

Ranging the lanterns on the table, he drew the attention of the sailor to a stout seachest, the only other piece of furniture the place contained, and raised his astonishment to a still higher pitch by a declaration that here was his stocking. Then fitting a key into the heavy lock he threw open the lid, and sharply drew back into the shelter of the shadows that he might note the effect of his revelation.

To its brim the chest was laden with gold, gorgeous guineas, seductive sovereigns, thousands of them and thousands again. All of them wrested from the waves, a gleaming harvest of the sea, and on all of them the splash of blood.

Statuesquely posed, motionless almost as creatures of sculptors chiselling, the two men remained rooted in the middle of the flagged floor, themselves the centre of a surrounding circle of weirdly witchlike shadows, the sailor feasting upon a banquet of gold, the merchant watching, with all-seeing eyes, the fierce emotions sweeping tempestuously over the other's face. For the moment Tinion was conscious of naught save the ponderous chest and its deep sunk, glittering hoard. Not once in all his life had he looked upon wealth so immense as this, never had he contemplated the possibility of Michael Strang possessing anything so vast. And the sight paralysed all his energies and charmed his finest senses. Greed formed no part of his attitude, not yet had desire been called into being; he was fascinated by the luring gleam—that was all.

A movement on the part of his comrade recalled him to a sense of his surroundings. Strang had dropped upon his knees by the side of the chest, his fingers with sinuous caressing touch were filtering coin from coin.

"Look, man, look," he cried, mocking, passionate, entreating; "look, did you ever see a sight to equal this? You are one of those who go down to the sea in ships, have your eyes ever feasted on such a wonder of the deep before? Look at it—look, it's gold, gold, gold—bonny, glittering gold—the thing for which men sell their lives and pledge their souls—gold, gold, gold, the thing for which men sink their hope of heaven and shout defiance to the powers of hell.

"Give me that lamp; watch the treasure while I wave it, so. See the flash and the starry twinkle of its eyes, the laughter rippling, rollicking back to us. What would the lover give for glance from eyes so bright? Where is there with smile so rich? Here, man, is the sweetheart for you—the witch with all the world grovelling at her feet, whining, fighting, slaying for her favour.

"And it's mine, all mine—every yellow coin, every grain, every speck of gold dust. Mine to buy me—now if I want it, mine to buy me friends—ha, ha, ha, friends, if I think them worth the price—mine for a throne if I'd sit thereon—mine to purchase life, years and years of it, while other poor devils die in their thousands for lack of physic or a bone.

"Mine for their music"—he filled both hands and let the coins trickle through his fingers with mellow ring—"mine by bridle"—he laid his hollow face against the heaped-up hoard.

"Mine to caress"—he thrust his arms deep into the chest, and wallowed in his riches.

"Mine." Again the miser was on his feet, one hand tightly gripping the sailor's shoulder, his lips against the sailor's ear, his voice vibrant by stress of concentrated emotion—"mine to sink in the sands of the Solway if I will; mine to give if I desire—mine—to pay a prince's ransom to those of whom I ask a service."

Twisting in the vice that refused release, Tinion, bewildered, faced the tempter, and roughly asked—

"What is't you're driving at; what d'ye want me to do?"

Seating himself on the edge of the chest, Strang drew the other down to a place by his side, and then lowering his voice so that its strength was but that of a lusty whisper, he revealed a little of the malignant design which, by brooding over, he had made the essential object of his existence. And as he talked the wonder died out of Tom Tinion's face, and loathing, horror, fear, settled in its place, his eyes grew purple ringed, his cheeks lost all their colour save the tan of the sea, he trembled as he smitten with the palsy. Stricken dumb, too, he played the listener only, until at last the enormity of the thing suggested spurred him to speech and action, and bounding to his feet, he plantedhis back against the cellar door and hotly gasped—

"You old devil, so this is how you've filled that cursed chest. You wicked—"

This was the length of his indictment. Being a weak man, a snarl le lly contemptuous, a shrug of the shoulders, a steely stare, were enough to hush his protest.

"I wouldn't handy hand names just yet," Strang coldly advised. "You'll be transferring some of that money to a chest of your own before long, so you'd better reserve your pleasantries. Come here and let me finish, and then you may unburden your righteous soul."

Rebellion danced in the sailor's eyes, his back stiffened defiantly, his lips framed their verdict, but in that very moment Strang trailed his fingers over the gold, touching its syren song to life. Tinion's glance wandered to the yellow mass, and wavering, he fell.

Back by jowl, for another hour they sat there, and at the end Tinion became vocal again. He had lost his horror, now he was arguing with sin. Half an hour later he rose and stood before the other with outstretched hands.

"I canna do it," he cried. "Think of the risk I run." He had sunk to that now.

"Risk," was the reply, "what risk?" You're a sailor, and you know there is none. What I'm asking you to do is nothing new; the trick's as common as dirt; it happens every month, nay, every week of the year. Better men than you do it and say their prayers when it's all over; it's a plan that's patronised by the nobility, and engineered by church pillars who regard it, and rightly, too, as straightforward business, as quite legitimate commercialism.

"Risk, fash! think of the price. Don't I tell you it's a job that any of my own men would have tackled for a five-pound note? and yet for you there are five hundred of these golden sovereigns the moment it's done. If the rest of the Solway shipowners knew what I was offering you, they'd think I'd taken leave of my senses. I doubt whether I rightly know myself why I'm doing it. I suppose it's merely because I've taken a fancy to you. I'm a lonely man, you're a good sort, here's my money, and I don't know that I could make much better use of it than by letting you have a bit. Besides, as I've already told you, there's nobody for it when I'm gone, and if you serve me in this—well, there's no telling what may happen."

Tinion eyed the hoard greedily. Then he went off on a new tack—

"But what about David Graham? It'll be terrible hard on him."

"David Graham," Strang sneered—"what's David Graham to you? You've put a lot more in his pocket than he's ever dropped into yours. You've sailed the seas for him and worked his ships storm as well as shine, so that he might twiddle his thumbs by his fireside; you've squeezed into a bunk that he might stretch on a feather bed; you've dipped into the harness cask and dined on duff that he might feast on the fat of the land; you've risked your life for shillings that he might idle his days on pounds. What's David Graham to you—your master that you clothe and feed and keep? Besides, he won't suffer; in fact, he'll be in pocket by the transaction, for I happen to know that he's just put up his insurance, so you may set your mind at rest on that score."

One after another the objections were thus brushed away, and when at last Strang turned the key upon his treasure and extinguished his cellar lanterns, his face was wreathed in a smile of unholy joy. But on the face of Thomas Tinion, mate of the Habakkuk, there was the seal of shame.

(To be continued.)

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A GRADE FINAL.

The final of the A grade competition for the Cortese Cup was decided on Saturday afternoon at the Randwick Range. The Corps of Engineers proved victorious with 413 points, North Sydney being runners-up with 408 points. In order to prevent further delay, it was decided that besides the match between Engineers and Tramway, which the N.S.R.A. Council ordered to be refired, North Sydney and Naval Brigade should also shoot off. In the event of Engineers defeating Tramway, their score was to be taken against that of the other contestants. Tramway scored only 401 points, but the match between North Sydney and Naval Brigade was more exciting, only 12 points separating the totals.

A large amount of club shooting was carried out. A "fish-tail" wind and a patchy light prevailed, and proved troublesome to riflemen.

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ENGINEERS DEFEAT TRAMWAY.

Engineers: Captain Warden, 40; Q.M.S. Smith, 44; Sap. Beasley, 48; Sap. Lee, 39; Sap. Jones, 39; C.S.M. Fuman, 46; Lieutenant Sheldon, 35; Sap. Box, 38; Sap. Horton, 44; Corporal Powell, 43; Q.M.S. Meaney, 45. Total, 413. Tramway: M. Donnellan, 39; T. G. Hornman, 24; C. G. Staf, 32; W. Gripple, 29; J. Wright, 31; F. W. Murden, 36; W. J. Green, 39; W. H. Muir, 39; C. Smith, 48; C. L. Cooper, 40. Total, 347.

CLUB SHOOTING.

A class, 1st Regiment (second shoot September quarter, 15 shots at 900yds).—Private Draper, 54; Sergeant M. Draper, 52; Sergeant Mowbray, 50; Private Madison, 50; Corporal Walton, 49; Sergeant W. Seymour, 44; Private Smith, 43; Sergeant Jones, 42; Private S. Ellis, 42; — Mascord, 41.

Parramatta (second shoot for N.R.A. medal, 15 shots at 900yds).—T. L. Westbrook, 53; J. O. Miller, 49; H. B. Jamieson, 43; A. S. Price, 39.

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St. George's Rifles (third shoot September quarter, 7 shots each at 500 and 600 yds).—Corporal Taylor, 31, 34—65; Captain Parkes, 21, 32—53; S.S. Major Smith, 20, 27—47; Sergeant Jones, 15, 29—44.

"E" Company 1st A.I.R. (practice, 7 shots each at 300 and 500 yds).—Private Butcher, 25, 29—54; Private Haron, 23, 30—53; Corporal Leverton, 23, 28—51.

C class (2nd shoot September quarter), 15 shots at 400yds.)—Private Coles, 59; W. Seymour, 54; Wilkinson, 34; E. Weaver, 49; Fitzpatrick, 41.

Australian Artillery (third shoot September quarter), 15 shots at 500yds.—Bombadier Hines, 60; Gunner Harrison, 59; Sergeant Smith, 56; Q.M.S. Evans

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THE COOTAMUNDRA SHOW.

A few observations in a trip through the southern districts at the present time reveal the astonishing results of a whimsical climate. The strangest things do not happen through the weather being erratic in each district, but through the climate which properly belongs to one district detaching itself and making an excursion into another. When the drought was at its worst the Berrima country was a kind of hospital and refuge for starving stock, which came mostly from the districts further south. One of the last parts of the country to surrender to necessity and move stock was Cootamundra, and the cattle went north to Moss Vale and other parts of Berrima. This year the country round Cootamundra has been visited by numbers of cattle from Moss Vale and surrounding districts. Until the last rain relieved the situation to a certain extent the Berrima country was in a very bad way in consequence of the severity of a short period of drought. Campbelltown, further north, was still worse, and stock was moved away south and elsewhere in considerable numbers. It is plain that the average climatic conditions in these districts rather suddenly removed themselves.

If the places further south were not favoured with these exactly, they were visited by others equally beneficial. Never in the memory of the white man has the country south of the tablelands looked better than it does at present, and never was there greater promise for a magnificent spring. The rains have been as bountiful and timely here as they have been scarce and captious in the coastal districts, which usually receive far more moisture than those inland. The season until recently has been warm and genial at Cootamundra, Young, and other cold places, and the feed for the end of winter is astonishing. This prevails all along the southern line of railway to Albury, and the only trouble south of the Murrumbidgee has been rather too much rain, and the frosts, as is usual when the land is full of water, had rather a serious effect on grass and crops. The crops, however, are fully forward enough for the beginning of September, and a moderately favourable October will make the wheat crop the best grown that has been seen, barring, perhaps, that of 1903. In some parts of the south-west the recent rains missed, and there was barely enough to keep the wheat moving; but the country so served is not extensive. Out from Temora in one or two directions, notably Sebastopool way, more rain is needed at present, but the crops are not as yet injured through dry weather. The only fear of the farmers on the tablelands and slopes now is that they are in for another late cold season. Last season was phenomenal in this respect, and it may be said that the change was straight from winter to summer, with no spring intervening. At present temperatures are very low, but it is of course against the odds to calculate upon two perishing Septembers in succession.

The beef and mutton hanging in the butchers' shops is very convincing proof of the good time the animals had before they fulfilled their destiny and were hung up to tempt the customers of the fleshers. Over the tail of every sheep there was a hump of fat, and the beef was thick and fat inside. The general opinion among stockkeepers in this part of the country is that sheep and cattle will fall heavily in price. After a good lambing, and with an unusually large proportion of sheep coming fat off the shears, there will be a strong disposition to sell rather than run the risk of a dry, hard summer, and an increase in the rabbits brought about through the country being full of feed. Cattle have not increased very rapidly, but over a large extent of country everything is getting fat, and there is a strong chance of the market being over-supplied. The stock sent out of the places where feed has been scarce have done remarkably well, and in some cases it has probably paid the owners who moved the animals only when these were almost on their last legs. In this respect stockowners nearer the coast are more fortunately situated than those inland. Starving stock sent from inland do little more than keep alive, even when the feed is fair. On the other hand, stock sent inland always thrive if there is anything to bite at. This season the starving animals have had plenty of grass, and have put on condition in great style. It is not easy to account for this difference. Often when green grass is actually waving on the eastern slopes cattle and sheep brought from inland will refuse to fill out. Their coats begin to shine and their outward appearance to the eye is fair, but they do not put on solid condition, and they do not grow. Half the grass in the healthy inland country will cause stock from the coast to grow and thicken and wax fat at a rapid rate. The accepted explanation is that the dry spells to which the inland country is subject sweeten the soil and keep it in condition through a natural process of bare fallow.

Cootamundra actually had fine weather for the annual show. Rain damped eight exhibitions, and apparently changed this mind about the ninth at the last moment. There were snow and sleet on Monday morning, but Tuesday broke fine, and there was dry weather up to Thursday. It was piercingly cold, but everybody was so surprised to see fine weather that the attendance was large than usual. The show itself reflected the good season in a few sections only. Competition in the cattle pens was extensive, and the dairy section was particularly strong. The society, however, needs to give some attention to the accommodation for the increasing numbers of these cattle. Exhibitors should be encouraged to make their cattle lead, and stand tied up. At present the animals are shown loose in pens, and the judges experience the greatest difficulty in making a comparative inspection; in fact, it is practically impossible to thoroughly overhaul the stock. It would be a wise undertaking to build lean-to sheds against the high fences of this and similar grounds, and announce to owners that they would be required to tie up their stock under the roofs. The privilege of the shelter would induce owners to halter their cows and heifers, and ring their bulls, and the animals could then be led out before the judges. These lean-to sheds are not costly. For £100 about 70 head of cattle can be covered, and the improvement would gradually induce more exhibitors to come forward. Undoubtedly the country societies are hanging on too long to the old-fashioned Australian idea that when a man has erected a yard for cattle he has done all that can reasonably be expected of him. At Cootamundra show the cattle were fairly jammed in the yards, and the only chance of seeing anything was to let them run up and down in the passage between the rows. Mr. David Weir showed a few well-shaped beef Shorthorns, but most of the beef cattle were out of condition. The Jersey blood predominated in the dairy stock. Mr. W. H. Matthews, an ardent worker in establishing the industry at Cootamundra, has brought the Jersey to the front here, and he was the principal and most successful exhibitor. Mr. F. J. Kidd, from the Camden district, and Mr. A. S. Trey exhibited fair Ayrshires, but the champion bull was a milking Shorthorn, sent in by Mr. J. Elliott. The show of grade cattle was first-class, and it was very satisfactory to find that the dairy farmers could put a large number of highly profitable cows into the pens. Mr. G. L. Brooks won the cow championship with a grade cow, and the judge must have had a warm time in coming to a decision, the Jersey crosses being particularly well shaped, with splendid vessels and teats.

The sheep were very interesting, though the competition was not extensive. Small owners scored all through, and the quality was good enough for any yard in Australia. A feature of the results was the success of Mr. G. W. Merriman, of Yass, while Mr. F. F. Fahey and Mr. A. J. Keith were close upon his heels in the award list. Mr. Merriman's success was remarkable, because he sticks pretty closely to Tasmanian and Mudgee blood, and does not make a feature of the Vermont. His best rams were from Mudgee ewes by Tasmanian rams, and carried a beautiful style of wool.

The draught stock made the feature of the horse show, and the judge, Mr. W. J. Cartwright, had an arduous morning among the classes, which were exceedingly well filled. Mr. A. J. New's Herd Laddie, champion draught stallion, is the proper kind of heavy yet active Clydesdale that is needed in the farming districts; while Mr. D. Weir's champion mare is one of the great wide, old-fashioned type which can be depended upon to throw the proper stamp if put to a Clydesdale of the modern type. In the light horses there was a considerable falling off. Biltalto, by Bill of Portland, was the only thoroughbred stallion over three years, and he was of course decorated with a champion ribbon. Of the other breed classes, the thoroughbred mares and the pony stallions were the best. The latter class was exceptionally good, and there was a satisfactory preponderance of thick-set strong boned ponies. The winner was of rather a lighter style, but was a very stylish pony, with a great forehand. He was bred by Mr. Roberts, of Tiverton, a noted pony breeder and exhibitor in the south. A pony which attracted a lot of attention was a stout bay under two years old, purchased by M'Clintock Bros. at the Sydney horse parade show. This pony has Welsh and Hungarian blood in him, and promises to be about the best of the cob ponies so far brought into the district. It is surprising that some of the young farmers of the district do not educate and bring out more saddle horses. These horses are growing in demand and in price every day, and any well-shaped, well paced animal showing some quality is sure to find a buyer in a show ground. The best of the miscellaneous horses were the hunters. Every horse that jumped was well schooled, and the contests were close and exciting.

In the pavilions the exhibits were numerous and attractive. The farm trophies shown by L. and E. Forsyth, of Wallendbeen, and Trevitt and Sons, of Bathurst, were very fine displays. The Forsyths secured the first prize of £15, Trevitt and Sons the second of £10, and the third of £5 lapsed.

ITEMS.

A fancier of the Red Poll writes:—"We should consider what Red Polls have done in England, their original home. Whole herds in that country, containing in few instances as many as 100 cows in milk, have averaged from 5000 to 6000 lb of milk a year. The heifers and aged cows were included. From the same herds steers were being sent to the Smithfield at London."

Inquiries for farm and station properties are remarkably brisk. Southerners are more than usually active. One of the latest sales is reported by Messrs. Trebeck, Son, and Co., who, with Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co., have sold for Mr. R. F. Melrose, his Milong Estate, near Young, containing 9000 acres of freehold land, the purchaser being Mr. Stephen S. Ralli, from South Australia.

Of all branches of farming, none is more neglected in Australia than the cultivation of crops for stock on the farm. All butter returns, and many of those from sheep, will one day be revolutionised by more attention to special feeding. Doubtless the neglect is due to the happy natural conditions which ensure a fair return without the effort of raising and conserving green or root crops. The following from an exchange throws an interesting sidelight on a typical American farmer's operations:—"There has been no direct profit in any farm animals the last two years but horses and milch cows. Last year flax was my most profitable crop. I cultivate 900 acres of land, devoting 320 acres to wheat, 160 acres to flax, 80 acres to oats, 80 acres to barley, 80 acres to corn, and 160 acres to clover and timothy. I feed all my hay, corn, oats, and barley. I practise the following rotation of crops:—Small grain, corn, clover, and timothy."

The Intelligence Department has issued a small bill giving particulars of the best methods of reaching the Dorrigo for an inspection of the blocks in that district thrown open by the Crown for selection. The bill shows both routes via Bellingen and via Coff's Harbour, and gives details of fares; accommodation, livery stables, and the condition of the roads. It is not possible to go to the land from the hotels at either side, and make an inspection and return in one day. Intending applicants must, therefore, be prepared to camp out one or more nights in the shelter sheds. Copies of the bill may be obtained at the Intelligence or Lands Departments.

Messrs. F. G. Chomley and H. S. Burton, of the Agricultural Department, visited Glen Innes during last week for the purpose of inspecting the experimental farm, and to note the work carried out under the control of the manager, Mr. R. Henn Gennys. The sheep sections were thoroughly inspected, and photographs taken of the various British breeds for reference. On Tuesday afternoon a large number of farmers and others interested in the working of the farm attended, when Mr. Gennys gave an interesting address on the various wools, and referred to the cross progeny from the Suffolk on merino ewe, Lincoln on merino, Border Leicester, English Leicester, and Romney Marsh. At the request of the visitors some of the lambs were picked out and specially earmarked for the purpose of future examination and comparison. During the visit information was sought from Mr. Chomley regarding silos, and it was pointed out that in a dairying district like Glen Innes the establishment of silos was necessary, and as the department was making an effort to secure a cheap form of silos, it might be that further information would be afforded by the department exhibiting a silo at show-time, accompanied by a full explanation in regard to erection and other matters.

THE FRUIT PESTS BILL.

THE GROWERS CONDEMN IT.

A large meeting of fruitgrowers and others interested in the fruit industry was held in the School of Arts, Parramatta, on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the Fruit Pests Bill, which has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly. The meeting comprised the principal growers in Central Cumberland, besides growers from Kurrajong and elsewhere. Nurserymen, agents, and jam manufacturers were also represented. Mr. T. R. Moxham, M.L.A., was present, also Mr. Joseph Cook, M.P.

Mr. Moxham, who was voted to the chair, said that he was pleased to see such a large and representative meeting to discuss the bill. He felt sure that when a deputation waited upon the Minister, and represented to him that the bill in its present form would mean a serious loss to the growers of New South Wales, the Minister would be fair-minded enough to give their representations every consideration. No doubt the bill required to be greatly modified. As it stood it would mean closing the whole of the orchards of the State. He could assure them that the cost of administering that bill and the paying of sub-inspectors, would be not taken out of the public exchequer. Sooner or later the growers would be called upon to pay a tax to meet the cost. He did think they should have a bill dealing with the fly and the codlin moth. It should be compulsory on the growers to bandage their trees for the moth, also to destroy all fruit affected by fly or moth. A bill confined to these measures would meet with the approbation of the growers. He did not think their fruit was as bad as some people made out. A great deal of the disease was due to climatic influence, and legislation could not eradicate it. The Government, before trying to force upon them a bill for the destruction of pests, should first set about finding remedies. They were going too far. He could assure them that in his place in Parliament he would not be found supporting the bill as it at present stood.

At the request of the president of the Fruitgrowers' Union, the secretary read from his minutes the outline of the bill recommended by the union, which was as follows:—

1.—The bill to deal with the two pests only—Codlin moth and fruit fly.

2.—No regulations under the Act shall give power to any Minister or any board to include other pests.

3.—The bill to enforce bandaging for the moth, and the destruction of all refuse fruit.

4.—All refuse fruit from the markets to be destroyed instead of being sent to the tip.

5.—All growers of fruit (including those with only one tree) to register under the Act.

Mr. W. B. Smith mover.—"That this meeting of growers approves of the action of the union, and now proceeds to elect five growers to represent this meeting on the deputation to the Minister."

Mr. Bruce Purser seconded. He thought it would hardly be possible to amend the present bill to make it acceptable. It would be preferable, instead of tinkering with that bill, for the Minister to withdraw it, and allow the growers to frame a bill. The Government, whilst saying to them, "go and make your orchards clean," had done no better in their model farms. A bill dealing with the fly and the moth would do some good, but when they were asked to do something that was impracticable, it was nonsense. He was also of opinion that they, as an interested body, should have had a voice in the framing of the bill.

Mr. H. A. Wood (Kurrajong) endorsed all that the previous speaker had said. They were there speaking as practical fruitgrowers, not as theoretical individuals, who only grew fruit on paper. It was a ridiculous bill, to say the least of it, and a very poor attempt, which was aimed at, if the aim was to place the fruitgrowing industry of New South Wales on a better footing. It would have the effect of exterminating the growers, and the pests would still remain, for all the orchard pests were easily to be found swarming in their native forests. The Kurrajong district was an important district, and he could assure the mthat the growers there were thoroughly in accord with what had been done to defeat or amend this Bill. They were quite willing to see a bill dealing with the fly and the moth, but they viewed with concern and alarm the bill in its present form.

Mr. J. C. Hunt asked for unanimity. It was strange that the Minister had not sought advice from any of the growers in regard to the bill. He thought that any bill introduced should receive sanction from practical men. He criticised the leading article in the "Herald," which urged the Minister to carry out the bill to the utmost. Rust and black spot were two diseases which he did not believe anyone understood, yet power was to be given to inspectors to condemn. These diseases were due to climatic influence. Let the Government first find remedies, and then it would be time enough to ask the growers to use them.

Mr. H. Rumsey said he would like to point out that the bill comprised three Bills—nurseries inspection, orchards inspection, and a fruit bill. As regards the orchards, the bill must be amended to be of any use whatever. They should go to the deputation armed with two strings to their bow. They were quite prepared to say that the bill should be amended to make it effective for the fly and the moth. As regards nurseries, what was the good of having a declaration that a place was free from fly and moth, where sales were concerned? He was prepared to fight the bill clause by clause, so that it might be made workable.

Mr. Davis thought the bill was improperly before the House. Unless the Shearing Bill provision had been made, giving the councils power to deal with noxious weeds and pests, The Minister should be asked to withdraw the bill.

Mr. H. E. Pratten said they were all free to admit that some legislation was necessary. In speaking to the Minister he had said that a law was necessary to deal with the fly and the moth, and the Minister had replied: "It is very difficult to deal with, as the growers are a unit." They had shown that they were unanimous. Individual losses and injustice must be put up with in the interests of the public good. After the first reading of the bill, they should seek to get it referred to a select committee, or a withdrawal of the bill in favour of one dealing with the fly and the moth. Any bill passed should contain a drastice provision dealing with deserted orchards.

Mr. L. Gallard said there was no necessity for such a clause. There was a provision for bandaging trees and destroying infected fruit, owners of neglected orchards would soon find the axe the cheapest remedy.

Mr. P. Pearce said that neglected orchards were no greater menace than the millions of acres of bush trees. In California, they had found that it was absolutely a farce to try and treat orchard trees by artificial means, when the same pests were even in the street trees. The natural enemy, the parasite, was used. That was a very poor attempt to introduce the Government to introduce parasites.

Mr. F. E. Little said the proposal to confine the bill to the fly and the moth would be of no benefit to growers of nursery stock. The Nurserymen's Association had decided at a meeting on behalf of that meeting before taking any further action. The nurserymen suffered, as they could not do business, as they should with the other States. People in other States said: "We will not do business with you if you attempt to get stock without the Pests Bill." They were handicapped in consequence. Personally, he would like to see San Jose scale included.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. C. Hunt, F. H. G. Rogers, H. A. Wood, S. Moore, and W. B. Smith were elected to represent the meeting on the deputation.

A GRATEFUL TOURIST.

Mr. C. C. Russell, of Wollongong, who participated in the Easter trip to the northern rivers arranged by the Tourist Bureau, has written to the Intelligence Department, stating that the trip was a very important one to him and his family. Mr. Russell adds that he tried to get in under the conditions purchase, but the scheme at Dunbible, near Murwillumbah, but was unsuccessful at the ballot. The result was that he purchased a farm within eight miles of Murwillumbah, as a going concern, and now three of his sons are "on the land, milking cows, etc."

FRUITGROWERS' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A meeting of the executive of the above union was held in the Parramatta School of Arts on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Bruce Purser presiding.

A letter was received from the Department of Mines and Agriculture as follows:—"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, stating that the executive of your union is of opinion that it would be to the advantage if fruit for export forward, as expeditiously as possible to the inspector at the port of destination a certificate, including in the one instance the whole of the consignments concerned, I am directed to inform you that this matter has been looked into, and it is not considered advisable that the proposed alteration should be made.—I am, etc., Walter S. Campbell, Director of Agriculture." The letter was received, and referred to the annual interstate conference.

Mr. Joseph Cook, M.P., forwarded a letter he had received from the Commonwealth Department of Trades and Customs, in regard to an inquiry from the Fruitgrowers' Union through him. The letter stated that the Commerce Act and regulations applied to fruit exported to New Zealand in the same manner as the fruit exported to any other part of the world beyond the Commonwealth.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held the same afternoon. A letter was received from the School of Arts fruit show committee, asking co-operation in their forthcoming fruit show. Co-operation was granted.

The secretary read the annual report, which expressed pleasure at the fact that the union was becoming stronger numerically, and two branches had been formed, while arrangements were being made to form other branches. The report was received and adopted.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. Bruce Purser; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Bean Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Moore, jun.; executive council, Messrs. H. Johnston, G. Best, H. Pratten, the Hon. A. Best, S. Fagan, F. A. Nicholson, A. Rae, W. D. Wrench, J. Addison, and A. Gerrard; auditors, Messrs. T. D. Little and F. H. G. Rogers.

On the motion of Mr. Davis the following resolution was carried:—"That this meeting records an expression of its condolence in the executive of the union in the action that body had taken in regard to pests' legislation."

The following members were then elected to take part in the deputation to the Minister, asking for a modification of the Fruit Pests Bill:—Messrs. Bruce Purser, J. C. Hunt, A. W. Blood, A. Moore, and W. Bean Smith.

PARRAMATTA ORCHARD NOTES.

Thursday and Thursday night's rain registered 222 points, and for three days 377 points. The wind of Thursday night was fierce on the hills, but there are no reports as to any serious damage having been done to the crops. It brought down very little fruit. Growers are jubilant, and they look forward now to a spring such as they have not experienced for years. One large grower remarked on Friday that the rain was the best spring rain that has fallen for over five years. Excellent prices are still being realised for the orange crop, and it is fully expected that as soon as the warm weather sets in prices will go up still higher. For Emperor mandarins as much as 12s per case has been received, and one grower stated that if the crop held until October it would bring £1 per case. Of course it is problematical whether it will hold, for the moisture, and the warmth will cause a rush of sap, which will tend to loosen the fruit. It may hang, however, provided no very strong winds are experienced during the next month or six weeks. The summer fruit trees are already bursting into blossom, and indications point to good crops. The nurserymen report that they have met with good business since last week's rain, and some large areas are being planted in the district. Some big consignments of trees have also been shipped to the neighbouring States. Taken right through, the nurserymen state business has been very brisk with them this season.

DAIRYING.

MILK STANDARD.

DAPTO, Saturday.

A lecture was delivered in the School of Arts on Friday by Mr. W. T. Falkender, factory manager, on "Milk and its Products." At the close of the lecture Mr. W. H. Cook, director of Unanderra Butter Factory, created an animated discussion by stating that he considered the standard of 8.5 of solids in milk, fixed by the Board of Health, was very unfair, and that many dairymen on the coast had been unjustly fined for sending milk to the metropolis which did not reach that standard. From a long experience as a dairyman and from observation he was convinced that there were dairy cows whose milk did not in dry times contain the amount of solids required by the authorities, and he suggested that the Milk Suppliers' Association should take the matter up, with a view of getting the standard lowered. If an officer of the Board of Health would visit the coast and take samples of milk and have them tested he would find that their standard was wrong. Several dairymen agreed with Mr. Cook that the standard was too high.

BEGA.—A meeting of the Southern Districts Factories Directors' Association was held on Saturday. Mr. T. J. Kelly, president, was in the chair. It was decided by those present, representing the principal co-operative factories on the South Coast, to export one-third each of their companies' output at the present market rate, and when a fall in price occurs to increase the quantity, such quantity to be decided by the executive.

SEVERE LOSS OF STOCK.

COLLARENEBRI, Saturday.

A speculator took delivery of 3200 sheep on Wednesday off the Gwabegar line, Merrywinebone. Next day 1000 perished from cold.

AREA UNDER CROP IN WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Wellington police have just concluded their yearly estimate of the area under crop after a house-to-house canvass in their patrol district. This district only takes in Towri at Maryvale, Wunluman, Dripstone, Two-mile Creek, Bournewood, Curra Creek, Goonoo to the Little River, and down it to its junction with the Macquarie. They estimate the area under crop in their district at between 60,000 and 70,000 acres, about 50,000 of them being in county Gordon, which is on the other side of the Bell River from town, and includes most of the places named. Seeing that such wheat belts as Geurie, Spicer's Creek, etc., are not included in the estimate (they are outside the police patrol district of Bodangora), it can be concluded that there are at least 100,000 acres under crop in the Wellington district. The estimate of the probable yield will be made by the end of September. Senior-sergeant Steele says that when they commenced their estimate everything was in a languishing condition, but now that rain has fallen so abundantly the prospects for the harvest are admirable. A large number of farmers have availed themselves of wire-netting, but many who did not, discouraged by the rabbit depredations of last year, have put in hardly any crop. The area under crop is much about the same as last year, an improvement, if anything.

THE DORRIGO TIMBER.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Mr. Ashton, in reply to a question in the House the other night, said that any applicant who had secured a Dorrigo block would have the undisputed right to destroy the whole of the timber by felling and burning or without paying any royalty, so unless the Shay railway is made to the Dorrigo, half a million pounds' worth of pine and beech will probably be destroyed.

TICKS AT THE TWEED.

MURWILLUMBAH.—At a meeting of the Dairymen's Union on Saturday the tick question was considered. A motion was passed urging on the Government the necessity of preventing cattle coming on Government roads in the Tweed district. The union also expressed the opinion that cattleowners in the quarantine area at Tweed Heads should be allowed to take their animals to Queensland, either to sell or depasture there, but that the quarantine will be shortly released, provided they are clipped and dipped three times.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BOURKE.—According to reports received at Bourke the wool clip this year is very good. At Rosedale, near Tilpa, they are cutting between 24 and 25 bales to 1000 sheep. Wool is steadily arriving at the railway station. The dates of the next Bourke show have been fixed for May 22 and 23, 1907. The special prize list to date totals nearly £100, and, given good seasons, next year's exhibition promises to be very successful. The schedule of prizes is in course of preparation, and is expected to be issued very shortly. It is the intention of the committee to raise the prize money to £500, as against £320 last show.

CARCOAR.—The Inspector of Stock, who has been on a visit to the Cowra portion of the district, reports a great improvement in pasture and crops since the last fall of rain. He says that if any person doubts the efficacy of wire-netting he has only to take a tour through the Cowra district, and see the wonderful difference in grass and crops within and without the wire netting. There is no convincedn, for notwithstanding the great improvement in the country since the rain, more is required, and farmers are hoping for showers in September. Lambing is quite up to the average, but results have been affected by the ravages of the blow-fly. Sheep-owners say that crows are very destructive to lambs; that in cases where all natural protection, such as scrub and undergrowth, has been removed. In such parts the lambs, when very young, are at the mercy of these birds. Owners anticipate a splendid wool clip, and are hopeful that the present prices will be maintained.

GUNDAGAI. — The Lands Department has decided to bring before the land board sitting at Gundagai this month a proposal to cut up 300 acres of the temporary common known as the enclosed town common, and offer the land as special leases. The area, which consists of rich river flats, and separates the town from the Murrumbidgee River, is used extensively at present by townspeople, who maintain that it is the only possible place where stock can be safely depastured in the day time. Indignation is freely expressed at the department's action. A public meeting to protest against the proposal will be held.

PEAK HILL.—Harvey Park, consisting of 12,800 acres, has been sold by Messrs. Frederick Beasley and Sons, the purchaser being Mr. J. W. G. Turner, of Goonoo station. The property is situated five miles from Peak Hill. Adavale station has been purchased by Mr. W. Webb, of Tarana. The property included about 10,000 acres conditional purchase and conditional lease. Mr. W. J. Newbigging has purchased Mr J. W. Parsons' farming property at Coradgery.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY.—39 horses, Bourke to Melbourne. 8 Maggotts; 40 cattle, Bonandra to Melbourne, C. L. Griffon, treasurer, Mr. S. Moore, jun.; executive fish; 21 cattle, Germanton to Melbourne, Rose Bros.; council, Messrs. H. Johnston, G. Best, H. Pratten, 94 rams, Wagga to Wangaratta, Hogan Bros.; 20 horses, Korumburrah to Lockhart, A. Scott.

BOURKE.—1000 fat wethers, Wirlahreena to Bourke, W. Robin, jun., owner; 149 horses, Kyuna to Cobar, E. Cameron; 214 horses, Beemery to Bourke, Moxham Brothers; 1000 ewes and lambs, Byrock to Bourke, A. B. Biddulph; 250 fat bullocks, Tilberoo to Sydney, London Bank; 16 rams, Talowla to Brooklyn, C. Singleton; 270 mixed fat cattle, New Park, Queensland, to Sydney, Australian Estates Company; 1000 ewes and lambs, Beemery to Nehungaloo, A. B. Trigg; 6300 mixed lambs, Beemery to Wollongong and Goulburn, A. B. Trigg; 22 horses, Emmaville to Bourke, Mrs. J. M'C. Dalgih; 97 horses, Moocutta to Bourke, Mrs. J. M'C. Barton; 51 horses, Bondena to Bourke, T. Casey; 124 horses, Mungundi to Bourke, C. Belgrad; 16 horses, Eldorado to Bourke, J. Leggatt; 14 horses, Stoney Point to Bourke, W. R. Clayton; 25 horses, Barringun to Bourke, W. C. Hayes; 14 horses, Barringun to Bourke, T. Lees; 417 rams, Brookong to Terrick Terrick, Queensland, Australian Estates Company; 96 fat bullocks, Langbord to Cobar, W. Pearce; 230 rams, Cannonbar to Hilmore, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.; 24 Shorthorn bulls, Bolinda Vale to Durham Downs and Mount Hewitt, Queensland, London Bank; 1088 horses, Bourke to various destinations, various owners.

FORBES.—50 cattle, Jemalong to Bathurst, Toy; 540 sheep, Walla Walla to Riverview, Richards; 250 sheep, Rosebank to Homebush, M'Millan; 300 ewes, Woodside to Beulah Vill, Thatcher; 100 cattle, Cadow to Riverstone, Richards; 440 cattle, Cowra to Queensbury, Porter; 3000 sheep, Moobang to Bathurst, Dulhunty; 2200 sheep, Wyalong to Pangee, Rose; 500 sheep, Moonbile to Beulah Vill, Thatcher; 100 cattle, Limestone to Pinnacle, Nickolas; 50 cattle, Anglesey to Homebush, Lee; 3000 sheep, Mungery to Byngera, Austin.

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EIGHT-HOURS' BILL.

DELEGATES IN CONFERENCE.

THE LEGISLATION PROPOSED.

SOME DRASTIC INNOVATIONS.

A conference of delegates representing the Sydney, Newcastle, and Lithgow Eight-hour Associations and the Sydney Labour Council was held at the Trades Hall on Saturday afternoon to finally consider proposals to be embodied in an Eight-hours' Bill. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Travers, the president of the Sydney Association, and the delegates present were:—Messrs. D. J. Sullivan and Allan MacDougall, who, with Mr. Travers, represented the Sydney association; Messrs. R. S. Blakey and D. Watson, Newcastle association; Messrs. Robert Pillans and F. Thirlwell, Lithgow association; and Messrs. F. Bryant, P. J. Minahan, and J. Andrew, Sydney Labour Council. The conference reaffirmed the necessity for legislation for the following purposes:—"To declare eight hours to be a legal day's labour; to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements; to regulate hours of labour; to provide for overtime working and payments therefor; and for other purposes connected with the aforesaid objects." It is hoped by the delegates that the legislation will come into operation at the beginning of next year, and with that object in view it was decided to approach the State Parliamentary Labour party to have the bill introduced at the earliest possible date. The draft which will be submitted to Mr. M'Gowen and his colleagues has been framed on the lines of the bill which was introduced some years ago. With eight hours as a legalised day's work, it is laid down that 44 hours shall be deemed to be a full and legal week's work. The draft purposes that this shall apply to all actions, suits, claims, or proceedings in any court of justice, and before any commission of inquiry or commission for examination of witnesses, and before any board, or any arbitrators, or umpire, and before any person entitled to administer an oath, or to take evidence, or to decide in any way upon any matter in which any question of work or wages may in any manner arise, any law or custom heretofore in force to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provision is made that workmen shall not be compelled to work eight hours where a less number has already been or may hereafter be agreed upon. The 44 hours per week, instead of 48 (which would be the full week at 8 hours a day), is brought about by a proposal to limit Saturday's work to four hours. The penalty for those who work, and those who cause work to be done, in excess of eight hours in any day, is not less than £5, and not more than £20, in default imprisonment not exceeding 42 hours. For any subsequent offence a fine of not less than £2 and not more than £5, in default imprisonment not exceeding five days. It shall, however, according to the conference proposals, be lawful for a workmen to work for his employer more than eight hours a day in cases of accident and emergency only. In such cases overtime shall be paid to the employee at the union rate existing in such particular industry. In cases where no union rate is in existence overtime must be paid at the rate of time and one-half for every hour worked or portion thereof. It is proposed to have in the legislation a clause making agreements for more than eight hours' work in a day illegal and void, provided in any crop. The area under crop is much about the same as last year, an improvement, if anything.

"UTOPIA, LIMITED."

It is somewhat inexplicable that although Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "Utopia, Limited, or the Flowers of Progress," was staged in London between 12 and 13 years ago, it has never, until Saturday evening last, been produced by Mr. Williamson in Sydney. It is fairly well endowed by Sir Arthur Sullivan with musical gems which are far beyond the ephemeral standard. Gilbert's libretto, as might have been expected, is sparkling, witty, and pleasantly satirical, while for gorgeousness of colouring and richness of costume "Utopia, Limited" is not far behind the other operas of the repertoire. There was a splendid house at Her Majesty's to witness the premiere, and from the opening chorus to the final scene the course of the piece was marked by delighted enthusiasm on the part of the audience. The overture which is full of charming melody, in which the string and wind instruments blend with captivating effect, served as an appropriate prelude, and it may be mentioned here that under the able direction of Mr. George Hall the orchestral work throughout left little to be desired. Mr. Williamson has evidently spared no expense in mounting the opera, and what is termed the "idealistic scenery," by Mr. W. R. Coleman, presents strongly marked but beautiful contrasts in the two acts. The first scene, representing a Utopian grove in a South Pacific island, is an artistic picture of palm-canopied foreground, with the blue rippling sea dancing in the sunlight on the margin of rock and beach. The barbaric maidens are reclining in reposeful attitude under the aborescent shelter, and though their costumes appear somewhat garish, the rainbow colouring may be accepted as the correct mode among the unsophisticated natives. In the second act appears the white and gold throne-room of King Paramount's Palace, and here the aboriginal inhabitants of Utopia having been reformed, and of course improved upon, a "thoroughly English" plan, appear in court dress, which, especially in the case of the ladies, left little to be desired in point of fashion and length of train. The beauty of both sets was promptly recognised by the audience.

When the opera opens the island maidens, "in lazy languor, motionless," complacently regard the fact that like has no serious responsibilities for them, all material requirements being supplied by a despotic but amiable monarch. He is, however, somewhat restricted in his design of paternal government by his scheming administrators, Scaphio and Phantis, Utopia Supreme Court, and Tarara, who holds office as "public exploder." Two of his daughters—Princess Nekaya and Princess Kalyba—are being educated "upon the most approved principles," and as the latter accomplishment, we avow at once, she has so successfully wooed various European monarchs that they have beseeched her to leave them so that they may no longer remain under the spell of her fatal charms. The island potentate's eldest daughter, Princess Zara, is returning home again after a complete education and she returns to Utopia under escort by Captain Fitzbattleaxe and four stalwart Life Guardsmen in full uniform. The party is also accompanied by the bulwarks of the British Constitution personified by Lord Dramaleigh, Lord Chamberlain, Captain Sir Edward Corcoran, K.C.B., of the Royal Navy, Mr. Goldbury, company promoter, Sir Bailey Barre, Q.C., M.P., and Mr. Blushington, a country councillor. To the consternation of the administrators the simple islanders accept the new era of reform, and not only is Utopia turned into a limited liability company, but the natives are "promoted" in the same fashion. Native customs are abandoned for the more enlightened ones of the world civilization, and the simplicity of island dress is discarded in favour of the latest Parish fashions. All goes well for a time, but Scaphio, Phantis, and Tarara, finding that the reins of power have slipped from their grasp, conspire to regain their supremacy. They manage to convince the people that the reform effected by the "Flowers of Progress" is anything but an unmixed blessing, and that in fact everything should be turned back to its Arcadian simplicity. Lady Sophy, however, comes to the rescue, and by explaining that she had quite forgotten to introduce party government into the regime removes the doubts of King Paramount's subjects, and the conspirators are summarily ejected.

Both musically and dramatically "Utopia, Limited" was presented by the company with marked efficiency. Mr. Howard Vernon, looking robust and "every inch a king," was a conspicuous figure throughout. His opening declaration of "King of Autocratic Power," was a fitting introduction to the character. The song is written in Gilbert's most whimsical vein, as the following specimen indicates—

But though the ire that I inspire
Must be ascribed with Imperial fire
All I've whom it may chance to touch,
To judge by what I see and hear,
Is deem me not without humour
With popular enjoyment much.

In the dialogue Mr. Vernon was equally good, and he had much to do with the success of the trio between the King and Scaphio and Phantis. Miss Charles Kenningham, who created the part of Captain Fitzbattleaxe when the opera was first produced in England, was naturally quite at home in the role, and shared the honours with Miss Olive Godwin in some charming duets between the Life Guards-man and Princess Zara. The latter was most amusing in the funny solo in which the gallant warrior complains—

But when he is madly in love
It's certain to tell on his singing;
You can't hide emotion by proper emphatics
When anguish your bosom is wringing.
Without the ability to worries in plenty,
And his pulse isn't twenty, twenty, twenty,
And his fluttering bosom the slave of mistrust is,
A tenor can't do himself justice.

Handsome, stately, and beautifully gowned, Miss Celia Ghiloni, who she entered as Lady Sophy, received quite an ovation. Though the part is somewhat lighter than others with which her name has been associated in the repertoire company she impersonated the grand dame as though the part had been written for her. She rendered Lady Sophy's opening solo, "Society fascinating," perfect in every detail with appropriate effect, and was also a success in other musical numbers, notably in the duet with the king in the second act. Miss Olive Godwin played the Princess Zara, and having the advantage of a graceful presence she looked the role to perfection. Her costumes were what poets would call "a dream," and vocally as well as dramatically, she was quite up to the necessary standard. Miss Godwin evidently appreciates the "art that conceals art," and was assisted her materially in Zara's duets with Fitzbattleaxe, notably "Oh, gallant soldier, brave and true," "Oh, admirable art," and "Words of love too loudly spoken." The latter perhaps possessing more sentiment but not greater merit than the former. The marked excellence owing not only to the sentiment, but the masterly way in which the composer has given it musical interpretation.

The Misses Aggie Thorn and Vinia de Lotte as Princess Nekaya and Princess Kalyba respectively, the two younger sisters, furnished a capital picture of coy, demure, but withal, coquettish innocence, and they looked quite captivating in the first act in pretty grey costumes and loosely-flowing hair. They intro

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OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

THE MONEY MARKET.

NEW YORK, July 28.

While the great railroads have been bidding 5 per cent. for money in Paris and the city of New York (whose 3 per cent. bonds sold seven years ago at 7 per cent. above par) has been bidding 4 per cent. for money in London, the national Government has sold bonds bearing only 2 per cent. interest for 30,000,000dol., on account of the Panama Canal; and with subscriptions of much above the desired amount has got an average price of 4 per cent. above par, making the net interest about 1 15-16ths. But the bidding was done chiefly by the national banks, in whose hands these bonds have a special value, in two ways—first, because by depositing them as security, paper money for practically the same sum, guaranteed by the Government, may be issued by the bank and lent in the market at the best rate procurable; and, second, because the Government will only make deposits of its current funds in banks that give it back as security a like sum in national bonds. In each case the banks pay, besides, what is in effect a tax, and this brings the net interest down to only about 1¼ per cent. Evidently this is not an attractive security for private investors; and as soon as the banks absorbed enough bonds to satisfy their special needs, the price of the bonds would fall speedily. And Mr. Bryan and the old "fiat-money" party still believe that the Government should issue—by fiat—paper-money instead of bonds, and thus save even this low interest now paid. But the friendship and support of the banks mean much, and alike in the Venezuela crisis and in the Spanish war, saved the Government and the general business of the country from panic.

AN ASTONISHING INCIDENT.

One incident of the new loan shows, however, that such a friendship should have limits. Ordinarily, bids for bonds must be accompanied by a 5 per cent. deposit, but as money is now scarce the banks persuaded the Treasury to forego this condition. Due notice thereof was advertised; but of all the tens of thousands of bank clerks and brokers and other like bright men, only one saw the presented chance and took it. He put in at once a series of bids at what he justly guessed would be about the winning figure, and thus got an award of 5,800,000dol; and although he had not even 1000dol., yet the market, as he foresaw, bid for awards a half per cent. above the average price, and thus he got a net profit of 12,000dol. at a cost of a two-cent stamp. If the market had dropped, he would have lost two cents and nothing more. If the chance had not been quite so obvious, thousands of bids for thousands of millions of dollars would have been sent in, and there would have been indeed a wild commotion. But the Treasury experts were blind, and so was everybody else—except just this one young man, Byerley by name, and so no harm was done. The incident may go down to fame, perhaps, with that older legend about Sir Isaac Newton's plan for a hennery with one big door for the full-grown birds and a small one for the chickens.

THE PRESIDENCY CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Roosevelt has moved the centre of government to his villa at Oyster Bay, half an hour's ride from this city. The secretaries and clerks are installed in an office suite in the village, but political pilgrims are received, of course, at the President's home. And such a stream of them from every point of the compass, as is reported daily in the newspapers. For the campaign for the next Presidency is now fairly begun, and although this year only a new Lower House and a third of the Senate are to be elected, yet upon what the new Congress will do hinges almost certainly the succession to the White House. Many people believe still that Roosevelt will succeed himself, but that would be a breach of good faith towards the other leaders of his party—who have, of course, taken seriously the formal promise made to retire in 1909—and would be justified only by some imperative necessity, such as a desperate foreign war. Within the past week, too, the President's secretary, Mr. Loeb, has repeated in terms the pledge that Mr. Roosevelt will surely give way to a new man. Secretary Taft, who had apparently decided not to be a candidate, has gone off on what looks strangely like a personal electioneering tour in the west; and Secretary Root, chosen at Rio as one of the two Presidents of the Pan-American Congress, is striving to win the palm by identifying himself with what will probably soon be, even if it is not now the supreme question of continental freedom from European aggression. These two men, Roosevelt and Root, are generally believe he will keep his word; and either of them towers a head and shoulders taller politically over the baker's dozen of other Republican candidates.

THE IDOL OF THE DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats, seemingly, are gathering around the banner of the inextinguishable Bryan, and though requests and exceptions will mark the home-coming next month from a trip around the world of that most eloquent leader. But Mr. Bryan, alas, wears his heart upon his sleeve, and his recent declaration that he is still a silver man, even though silver is now a subordinate issue, has greatly weakened him. And then his receptions at foreign courts, though in some cases an act of respect, which could not well be avoided, has injured him greatly with the men in both parties, who are democrats with a small "d." It is stated by his friends that in meeting King Edward he wore only his own national costume, and not a foreign uniform, but this will not save him from being libelled in cartoons with knee-breeches and a toy sword. Buchanan, as is stated by tradition, became President because as American Minister to England he had refused to wear the usual court dress; and although this national amour-propre is less sensitive than it was half a century ago, such a matter may still be the turning feather in the balance.

THE POWER OF MONEY.

This year's elections will settle definitely what has been for long a moot point with expert politicians—the real influence of money upon the general voting. Congress and the State Legislatures have been forced to pass laws more or less stringent against both direct and indirect bribery; and, what is even more important, grand juries will now indict and petit juries convict for offences of this type, which, though always punishable by common law even in the absence of Statutes, have been of late years studiously ignored. Both parties have been guilty, and in a ratio proportionate to the generosity and wealth of the candidates. There are probably more rich Republican than Democratic candidates, but a liberal Democrat, like Perry Belmont, carried a close Republican district by spending, as admitted, 160,000 dols.; while some years before Wm. W. Astor, then a Republican, vainly spent 120,000 dols. in an equally close Democratic district. But excluding special cases, and taking as tests great offices, such as the Governorship of a great State, does the use of money help or hurt a candidate? That, in some measure, it hurts him cannot be doubted, for, as all political "workers" know, there is often a district a "silent vote"—men who for business reasons are all things to all men, but who, in the secrecy of the polling-booth, use their ballots oftentimes with great vigour; and these are apt to be repelled by ostentatious use of money, and the votes that first impel a candidate over even outweigh the votes purchased. "Purchaseable" votes, according to probably authentic estimates, average even in this mammon-loving city, only about 12 per cent.; 60 per cent. are avowed partisans; and the rest either indifferent or "silent." Of course, there can be no rule to find out such a matter that will fit special cases; but in active politics it is hard to convince a worker that some special method which acts like a charm in his own district will not be successful elsewhere.

WISDOM OF DELAY.

The central campaign committees do their best by adroit matching of speakers and programme to meet local needs, but often in vain, and enthusiasm and spirit. All observers agree that where there is a strong political current defeat is inevitable; and able men, instead of being pushed forward to lead a forlorn hope, should be kept in reserve for future use, and the nomination given to men who can be spared. Even Mr. Bryan refused a nomination in 1904, and his serious party rivals refused it also; and at last an obscure Judge was led forward, adorned with garlands, to be slaughtered in the front of the battle. No doubt one of the factors in that struggle greatly feared was the enormous campaign fund of the Republicans, but the money was probably attracted by brilliant Republican prospects, and did not in any way create or control the situation. If, one way or the other, there is this year a like strong current, money for all legitimate purposes—such as halls and advertisements and free campaign literature—can easily enough be raised by popular subscription—preferably limited to one dollar a subscriber.

IMPORTANCE OF CONCRETE.

The growth of the Portland cement industry is one of the great facts of this generation. In 1890 it was an infant, with an output of only 48,000 barrels a year; in 1905 this had risen to 34,000,000 barrels—800-fold, or 80,000 per cent., against an increase in the next most flourishing industry—iron and steel—of only 800 per cent. Even as late as 1900 the output was only 8,490,000 barrels. And but for this enormous recent use of cement, there would have surely been a famine, both of steel and lumber, for the forests are rapidly disappearing, and the erection of new steel plants calls for great sums of fresh and dear capital, and requires, besides a year or two's time for them to get into activity. Not only in great office buildings, and factories, but in hotels, dwellings, churches, schools, bridges, culverts, conduits, and a thousand and one other things, concrete is everywhere coming into increased use. No doubt the case with which machinery and unskilled cheap labour may be utilised in its manipulation is also a great factor in its favour; and now there are many scores of firms engaged exclusively in turning out appliances, and machinery designed expressly for handling this new material. And the chances are that a very few years will bring even greater changes in this respect; and perhaps there will be as great a fall in the cost of building the wall of a house as there has been already in making its doors, windows, and shutters. A generation ago tens of thousands of wood-workers got high wages in the specialties named, but now the manufacture is carried on by men who rank only a shade above unskilled labourers. Fortunately the growth of the country, without difficulty, absorbed the ousted joiners in other branches of the craft. But a like revolution with masons, bricklayers, and plasterers, no matter how gradual, could hardly fail to cause hardship. In this modern world of lightning changes in methods, even the elemental crafts are not entirely secure.

THE MALIGNED MOTOR.

The crusade against automobiles has already lost its first bitterness. A few chauffeurs, and a very few owners, have been sent to gaol, and many of both classes have been unmercifully fined. But the facts show that the 16,000 registered autos. killed only 16 persons in this city during the first half of the year, against 63 killed by horse-propelled vehicles, and 61 by the street-cars and elevated and underground railways; and in Philadelphia, Chicago, and other large cities, the statistics give much the same results. As this sinks into the public mind, calmer counsels prevail, and care will be taken not to condemn all motor-owners for the follies of a few crazy speed-fiends. Gradually, too, support for motoring is organising itself by the hundreds of thousands of men who own property along the great stagecoach highways. During the railroad era, these have been allowed to sink into decay; and there are few sadder sights than the villages which once prospered as baiting and resting stations, with their huge hotels, with 50 or 100 unused rooms, and a row or two or dismantled smithies and lunch-houses and fruitshops. But these now feel the first gleams of a new springtime, and there are projects of all kinds to revive the glories of the past.

A NATIONAL HIGHROAD.

Pennsylvania will no doubt build a great road, 500 miles long from the sea-line to Pittsburg; and Congress will also, almost certainly, resume the superintendence of the old "national highroad" which in 1838, when the last appropriation was made for its support, ranked next, among historic highways, both in extent and excellence, to the Appian Way. It had been built by military engineers, 66 feet wide, crossing rivers on massive bridges of stone or heavy timber, and spanning valleys with embankments, and ploughing through hills on grades never exceeding 5 degrees; and even in cheap primitive times 7,000,000dol. had been expended upon it. A very few more millions now will restore it to its best estate, and extend it beyond the point where it was halted to the designed goal of the Mississippi river at St. Louis, 200 miles farther on. Sooner or later, too, all principal roads will, if possible, be divided into channels so as to separate fast and slow vehicles—and this even should there be, as is likely, a special system of privately-owned toll-roads for swift motors. The system in the New York subway of two express-tracks in the centre, with one slow way-train track on each side, simple as it is, has been wonderfully efficient, and has doubled and, perhaps, quadrupled the carrying capacity of the system; and although obviously inapplicable to a public highway, may, perhaps, in time suggest for it a workable method of attaining the same end. Never before in the world's history were there so many opportunities for the inventive mind to win fame and its awards.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The Government Statistician's report on the vital statistics of the metropolis for August shows that in the month the births were 1224 (628 males and 596 females) and the deaths 508 (274 males and 234 females). The illegitimate births numbered 168, comprising 13.7 per cent. of the total births, which is very much over the average. The birth record is 48 above and the death record 22 below the average for August during the previous five years. The resultant birth rate is 2.31 and the death rate .96 per thousand of the population, corresponding respectively to annual rates of 27.72 and 11.52 per thousand of population. The birth rate is only fairly satisfactory. It is far equal to the average of the last five years, but it is not so high as for last month or as for August of last year. The mortality rate is very favourable. It is lower than for last month and for August of last year, and is well below the average for August during teh pervious five years.

The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 141, or 11.5 per thousand births, which compares with 85, the mean rate for the last decade. To the total the city contributed 22, or 90 per thousand births, and the suburbs 73, or 75 per thousand of the births. The rate for Sydney is slightly below the quarterly average, but is much above the rate for for August during the previous five years.

Of children under 5 years of age there were 116 deaths, or 23 per cent. of the total, which is below the average experience of the previous five years. The principal causes of death of these children were—Premature birth, pneumonia, congenital defects, bronchitis, enteritis, atrophy, and debility.

Of persons aged 65 and upwards there were 128 deaths (74 males and 54 females), and of these one was 90 and one 96 years of age. At this extreme of life the mortality was lower than for last month, and considerably lower than in August of last year.

The deaths from enteric fever during the last five years numbered 3, from scarlet fever 2, and from diphtheria 4. Other important causes of death were—Pneumonia, which caused 64 deaths; Phthisis, 46; cancer, 35; bronchitis, 30; old age, 29; Bright's disease and premature birth, 26 each; endocarditis, 24; diarrhœal diseases and enteritis, 18; and stroke, debility, 11.

Compared with the records of August for the previous five years, and making no allowance for increase in population, there were increases in cancer with 35, as against the average (32); old age, 29 (25); premature birth, 26 (18); and endocarditis, 24 (17). There was a decrease in phthisis, 46 (49), while the following were normal:—Pneumonia, 64; bronchitis, 30; Bright's disease, 26; and atrophy, 11.

In hospitals and other public institutions there were 158 births, or nearly 13 per cent. of the whole, and 144 deaths, equal to 28 per cent. of the total deaths.

THE SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of Tuesday last, and under the above heading, I notice a letter from Mr. C. J. Merfield. I quite agree with your correspondent that it would hardly be for the advantage of astronomy to hand over the Observatory to the University, the latter an institution that has for years ignored the science in its annual examinations. While we have seen much of geology, chemistry, botany, etc., in its lists of subjects for examination, astronomy has found no place. Under the control of the University it is pretty certain that unless the director be both an enthusiast and of high scientific repute, the Observatory will occupy a lower place than it has already held for so many years. Astronomers are all anxiously looking out for the results of the photographic survey of the heavens, which, in association with other observatories, it undertook some years ago. Even in this department of astronomical research the Observatory has had to play second fiddle. Inasmuch as although the photographing has been done on the spot the measurements and reductions have to be executed in Melbourne. I trust the Observatory may not be handed over either to the Federal authorities or to the University, but that it may be maintained by the State itself. Mr. Merfield's suggestion that the Observatory be removed to Pennant Hills, and that the observers be provided with house accommodation on the spot, is an excellent one for reasons which it is scarcely necessary to state. Your correspondent also recommends that a board of visitors be appointed similar to that at Greenwich. This is no new suggestion. The Rev. W. Scott, the first director of the Observatory, when he took office suggested that a board of visitors be appointed, and his recommendation was carried out, and the board was maintained throughout the official careers of both Mr. Scott and Mr. Smalley. For some reason, however, it ceased to exist soon after the death of the latter astronomer; and not only so, but we had no annual report for many years, and were, therefore, in a great measure ignorant of what the Observatory was really doing for the science. I am now only pointing out what I complained of in a pamphlet which I published 15 years ago, and which was both favourably reviewed in England, and also received the private approval of several well known astronomical authorities. In that pamphlet I strongly criticised the way in which the force of the Observatory, both in men and money, was almost exclusively devoted to meteorological observation, and recommended that the two departments of astronomy and meteorology should be separated. This desirable separation, I am glad to find, has now been almost accomplished.

I am, etc.,
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BIRTHS.

FLEMING.—August 15, 1906, the wife of S. J. Fleming, 45 Buckingham-street, city—a daughter.

MOORE-JONES.—August 27, at Aston, Upper Avenue-road, Mosman, the wife of Horace Moore-Jones, of a daughter.

SHELLEY.—August 28, at Cobar, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelley—a son.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

SULLIVAN—MAYMAN.—September 3, 1881, by the Rev. Canon M'Grath, at Sacred Heart Church, Camberwell, London, Daniel Sullivan, second eldest son of Mark Sullivan, Thornton Heath, England, to Annie Mayman, only daughter of John Mayman, Ramsgate, Kent. Present address: 8 Regent-street, Paddington. Home papers please copy.

DEATHS.

BELL.—August 28, at his residence, Melrose, Mudgee, William George Bell, in his 71st year.

BENTLEY.—September 1, 1906, at Chester, Clarendon-road, Stanmore, Aston Herbert, only son of the late Walter J. W. Bentley.

COLBRAN.—September 2, 1906, at her residence, Carlisle-street, Ashfield, Mrs. Margaret Colbran, in her 64th year. At rest.

DUNLOP.—September 2, 1906, at the residence of his brother, John S. Dunlop, Ashenhurst, Burwood, W. P. Dunlop, vice-chairman of Edwards, Dunlop, and Co., Limited.

GLOVER.—September 2, 1906, at Galena, Croydon-street, Petersham, Susan Isabel, relict of the late George Glover.

HART.—At his residence, Wold's-avenue, Hurstville, Studley Henry, beloved husband of Annie Hart, and youngest son of the late Conway Weston Hart, of Kent, England, aged 45 years. By his special request, no mourning or flowers. Victoria and N.Z. papers please copy.

HERON.—September 2, 1906, at his residence, Mar House, No. 5 Upper Bay View-street, M'Mahon's Point, North Sydney, John Heron (late N.S.W.R.), aged 75 years. No flowers.

HUGHES.—September 1, 1906, at Osborne Park, Gore Hill, Elizabeth, beloved wife of William Morris Hughes, M.P., aged 42 years.

MANSFIELD.—September 2, at his residence, Shrewsbury, O'Brien-street, Bondi, Joseph, aged 63 years. Home papers please copy.

STACY.—August 30, at Armidale (N.S.W.), Arthur E. Stacy, aged 45 years. Deeply regretted. Inserted by his brother, W. W. Stacy, jun., Narrabri.

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THOMAS.—September 1, 1906, at his parents' residence, 12 O'Connell-street, Newtown, Frederick Douglas, dearly loved son of F. C. and L. Thomas, and grandson of the late Dr. D. M. W. Thomas, aged 18 years. At rest.

WRIGHT.—September 1, at Takrina, May-street, Marrickville, Alfred Oswald, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright, aged 4 days.

IN MEMORIAM.

BYRNES.—In sad but loving memory of my husband, John Byrnes, who departed this life on September 3, 1905.
I miss you and mourn you in silence, unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been.
Though gone, and forgotten by some you may be,
The grave that contains you is sacred to me.
Inserted by his lonesome wife, Elizabeth Byrnes.

BYRNES.—In sad but loving memory of my brother-in-law, John Byrnes, who departed this life on September 3, 1903.
The end came sudden, dear;
It made us weep and sigh.
But, oh, it was so hard to think
You could not say good-bye.
Inserted by William Peddle.

FOWLER.—In loving memory of my dear aunt, Margaret Fowler, who departed this life September 2, 1903. At rest. Inserted by her loving niece, Emily Cochrane.

GORDON.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Catherine Gordon, who died September 3, 1905, at North Sydney. Inserted by her children.

GRIFFIN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Peter Griffin (late of Helensburgh and Bulli), who died at his late residence, 70 Alice-street, Newtown, September 3rd, 1904, aged 64 years. Inserted by his loving daughters, Ellen Hoffmann and Gertrude Cenbrough.

HORNER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Emma Elizabeth Horner, who died this life September 2, 1897. Inserted by her loving daughter, E. E. Harrison.

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Jane Simpson, who died in Sydney Hospital September 3, 1897, through burns accidentally received; also of our dear father and grandfather, William Southern Hall, husband of the above, who died in Wollongong Hospital November 10, 1888. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by their loving daughter, Dorothy Mackay, and family, 42 Sussex-street, Sydney.

LEAROYD.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary Hannah, who died September 3rd, 1905. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

MACDONALD.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved husband, Malcolm Macdonald, who died September 3rd, 1900. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his wife and children.

M'KONE.—In sad but loving remembrance of dear Rita, only daughter of E. J. and L., and sister of Walter M'Kone, Harbour-street, Mosman, who died September 2nd, 1901, aged 4 years and 2 months.

MILLER.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Malvenia Miller, who was accidentally killed on September 3, 1905.
We think of thee in silence,
No eye can see us weep;
But loving in our bosom
Thy memory we will keep.
Inserted by her loving husband and children.

PARSONS.—In sad and loving remembrance of Faithie Parsons, who departed this life September 2, 1904. Sadly missed by her loving uncle, Leonard N. Avery.

RALPH.—In loving memory of Hannah (Annie), dearly beloved daughter of Joseph H. and Annie Ralph, of Kangaroo Valley.
'Tis just a year ago to-day
Since our darling passed away.
Inserted by her loving parents.

RYAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Ryan, who departed this life at his residence, 67 Wells-street, Redfern, September 2nd, 1905. Inserted by his loving wife, Margaret Ryan.

RYAN.—In loving memory of our dear father, James Ryan, who departed this life at his residence, 67 Wells-street, Redfern, September 2nd, 1905. Inserted by his loving children, Margaret, James, John, Lizzie, William, Thomas, Susan, Robert, Albert, and Ellen.

SADLEIR.—A loving tribute to the memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Richard Sadleir, who departed this life on September 3, 1904, at his residence, 27 Edith-street, Leichhardt. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WEBB.—In fond remembrance of my dear uncle, William C. Webb, who died September 2nd, 1901. Inserted by his loving niece, Eveline M. Burgess, Byron Bay. Leaves may wither, but memory never.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of one whose death has left a void, the dearly loved mother of Mrs. Louie W. Jones, Cleveland-street School, September 3, 1900.

WILLIAMS.—In ever loving memory of our dear mother, who went to rest on September 3, 1900. Inserted by Lizzie, Emma, and Fred. Dearly loved and sadly missed.

RETURN THANKS.

The FAMILY of the late Mr. JOHN M'MANUS, of 94 Eveleigh-street, Redfern, desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many friends and relatives for floral tributes, telegrams, letters, cards, and all kinds of expressions of sympathy during their late sad bereavement; also to Dr. G. Cooley and Rev. Fathers Furlong and Comasky for their unceasing care and kind attention.

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THE STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

During the past week the Budgets of two of the State Treasurers were delivered, and towards the close of the present week that of Mr. Carruthers will be presented. In each case a substantial surplus is, or will be, disclosed, chiefly as the result of the more favourable seasons having reacted favourably upon the prosperity of the people. Queensland and South Australia are among those States that in a financial sense have been losers through Federation; that is, their Treasurers have been placed in the position of having less to spend than was the case formerly. Still, thanks to the more general prosperity, they have both come through the ordeal of last year with a balance on the right side of their books. Surpluses are usually the source of much gratulation on the part of State Treasurers. Although this was not entirely absent, there was in both Budget speeches delivered last week an undercurrent of dissatisfaction. Mr. Kidston, of Queensland, tersely summed up the position when referring to the interdependence of State and Federal finance, and remarked:—"The system under which we are working is inherently bad, and if permitted to remain unchanged will undermine in State Ministers all healthy sense of responsibility, and ultimately destroy the financial stability of this State." He then went on to explain that since Federation the annual net decrease in the revenue of the Northern State was £416,472. There is, of course, another way of looking at this so-called loss, for if the Treasury is deficient by this sum there is so much more in the pockets of the people.

In New South Wales a very different state of affairs prevails. This is one of the States that are supposed to have gained through Federation. That its Treasurer has gained is certain. Unlike Mr. Kidston, Mr. Carruthers cannot point to a falling-off in revenue through the union, but instead to a large increase, and the so-called "gain" has been a very distinct loss to the people of the State, who have had to find the increased taxation. Doubtless Mr. Carruthers will have something to say on the subject of Sir John Forrest's financial proposals. These have already been condemned by Mr. Peake in South Australia, and by Mr. Kidston in Queensland. Nor can we imagine that they are likely to be acceptable to the Treasurer of this or, indeed, of any of the other States. The four great objections to Sir John Forrest's scheme are that—(1) it is overly favourable to the Commonwealth; (2) it recreates the Braddon clause in another form; (3) it does not completely dissociate State and Federal finance; and (4) it merely postpones and does not finally solve the problem. At the same time, each day makes it more evident that some definite step cannot with safety be much longer delayed. Queensland is crying out that the proposals to increase Federal expenditure fall hardly upon that State. South Australia objects to the granting of penny postage at the expense of the States. And so, while existing conditions prevail, the States will continue to begrudge every penny the Commonwealth spends. This is calculated to do incalculable injury to Federal feeling, and no effort should consequently be spared to avoid its perpetuation.

MR. BRYAN AS NEW PRESIDENT.

The action of Mr. Bryan and his speeches in London have not been lost on his party in the United States. In the very interesting American letter we publish this morning an indication is given that the silver heresy may count for something against him, and that his receptions abroad will be used as weapons by his enemies; but our cablegrams show that his friends are making hay in the sunshine. His welcome by the Democrats of New York on his return appears to have been organised on a scale quite disproportioned to the requirements of an ordinary reception. It assumed the proportions of a political demonstration, emphasising what has been heard for some time of Mr. Bryan's prospects of succeeding President Roosevelt when the next choice of the people comes round. There are many chances in favour of Mr. Bryan. That inevitable swing of the pendulum which occurs in politics sooner or later is becoming due in the United States. Mr. Roosevelt cannot go on for ever, and it is one of the penalties the Republicans will have to pay for the strength of this distinctly strong man in American public life that they will not be able readily to find an adequate successor. In the ordinary course of things it should be the turn of the Democrats. Many people thought it had come last time, when Judge Parker was put forward. But the personal magnetism of Mr. Bryan makes more direct appeal to the masses, and that gentleman has ripened considerably since he overwhelmed the issue on the previous occasion with "a cataract of purple words." He has pruned away his exuberances, and brought himself within the circle of the serious politicians. The people of the Republic have a kindly feeling for him in spite of his previous extravagances, and it has to be remembered in his favour that even the Republicans have been forced to face that problem of the trusts which Mr. Bryan challenged when he stood for the Presidential dignity before.

Our American correspondent informed us the other day of the growth of this favourable feeling, showing how the crusade against the trusts upon which President Roosevelt fearlessly entered has brought Mr. Bryan's attack into people's minds again. On this point it was an open secret that the Republican section so ably organised and represented by the late Mark Hanna, never completely trusted Mr. Roosevelt. The freedom with which the trusts emptied their coffers into the party treasury made Republicans chary of attacking them, and it was openly said that the appointment of Mr. Roosevelt to the Vice-Presidency in Mr. M'Kinley's time was a master-stroke of diplomacy which aimed at shelving and getting him out of the way. Events disposed otherwise; but Mr. Roosevelt always knew, before and after he climbed to the Presidential fauteuil, that the trusts had no confidence in him, and that he was regarded askance by an influential section of his party in consequence. His policy was none the less bold and public-spirited on that account. He took the bull by the horns and fought the trusts—with the not very extraordinary result, after all, that he made out the Democrats' case and built up Mr. Bryan's position. A term of power by the Democrats at the coming juncture would have interesting possibilities. Whether it would reverse the colonial policy or not remains to be seen, but the time is coming when the Panama Canal will be cut and a more liberal fiscal policy on the part of the United States might alter many things in American relations with the rest of the world.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

While a good deal of sympathy will be extended to Sir John Forrest in his attempt to grapple with the many problems of Federal finance it would be unwise to allow any precipitancy that might afterwards be regretted. The Federal Treasurer proposes to amend the Constitution in a way necessary to admit of his scheme of State debt transference to be carried out, and he is doubtless anxious to take the opportunity presented by the coming elections to save expense in effecting these amendments. This is a very laudable desire, and one that will meet with universal commendation among the States. At the same time it leaves very little time for consideration of the questions involved. After waiting for five years for these subjects to be practically tackled, we are now asked to make up our minds in a few weeks as to whether the Treasurer's scheme is one to which we can assent or not, and this applies equally to each of the States. Had the Federal Government called together another conference of State Treasurers, and having placed Sir John Forrest's scheme before them, received their support, the road would have been much clearer. We are quite aware of the fact that the sanction of the State Treasurers is by no means needful, provided that the Federal Government can force its scheme through despite them. This is, however, one of those cases in which we believe it would be much more agreeable to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth if the approval of the State Governments were first gained. The whole subject of debt transference and the allied problems are of so technical a character that the man in the street makes little attempt to understand them. Yet he will be called upon to cast the vote that will practically decide the matter. Under such circumstances a little judicious negotiation as between the Commonwealth and the States would have done much to have simplified the issue in the minds of electors.

With the position as it is it would be wise, in our opinion, were the Federal Government to ask for very general powers in place of those sections of the Constitution which it seems to be fairly generally conceded, are unworkable. The section that chiefly blocks the way in connection with practically all the schemes for the readjustment of Federal finance is that which provides that the Commonwealth may only take over the States' debts existing at the establishment of Federation, or a proportion of them, according to the respective numbers of the people. If the Federal Government asks the people to agree to allow it to adopt any other scheme that had received the sanction of the Federal and State Parliaments, and further that the Braddon clause in the Constitution should lapse with the consent of the same Parliaments, then the way would be clear for the adoption of the most workable scheme that could be devised. To amendments of this character there would probably be no opposition, for each of the States would be amply protected through whatever proposals were made requiring the sanction of their own Parliaments as well as that of the Commonwealth. At the same time it would admit of a modification of the Federal Treasurer's present scheme were that deemed advisable; or it would clear the way for any better proposals that may yet be made. No doubt this view has already occurred to the Federal Government, and when the proposed amendments of the Constitution are made public it will be found that they are not of a very cast-iron character.

NEW ZEALAND METHODS OF ADVERTISING.

The appointment of Sir John Eldon Gorst to be Imperial Commissioner at the forthcoming New Zealand exhibition must be taken as another evidence of the thoroughness with which the Government is seeking to deserve success in that undertaking. On some mysterious account, Sir John—who was a member of the famous Fourth Party with Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. Balfour, and Sir Henry Drummond Wolff—never achieved Cabinet rank; but he is a man with a record, both as a public personage and as an administrator. His appointment will give a tone to the exhibition which must be highly satisfactory to the promoters. It is reasonable to suppose, moreover, that their success did not come to them in this case by accident or good luck. The New Zealand Government leaves little to chance. When it undertakes any proposal hard work is the order of the day, and no stone is left unturned to secure success. We may believe that Sir Joseph Ward in his recent visit to the old country was careful to impress upon the Imperial Government the importance of the occasion, and the desirableness, therefore, of a man of standing being sent out to represent the United Kingdom—not one of the ordinary "exhibition wallahs," but a man who had made his mark in high affairs. The powers of organisation which signalised Sir John Gorst, whether as civil Commissioner in New Zealand in the early days, as Under-Secretary for India, as Vice President of the Council of Education, or as British representative at the Berlin Labour Conference, will make him a valuable officer in charge of British interests at the Christchurch Exhibition.

We may well put this down as one of the many desirable results which follow from the energetic and systematic methods of advertising which mark—and help—the progress of New Zealand. The thing that has to be done is worth doing well, and this is true of advertising as of everything else. The New Zealand Government, for instance, wants to establish an office in Sydney where people can get all information on the subject of the exhibition. The office is accordingly taken in the heart of the city, and nobody who passes by can fail, unless he is blind, to see where this office is and what is its business. In the same city, if the visitor or the citizen wants to get any information about our own State, he has first to inquire the whereabouts of the bureau established for the purpose of giving this information, and then he has to find his way to the inconvenient site chosen for its temporary location. The New Zealand Exhibition office can hardly be missed; our own Information Bureau can with difficulty be found. And this emphasises the main feature of the New Zealand method of advertising—that it is thoroughly business-like. Business is at the bottom of every New Zealand movement. It is not sentiment, but business which inspired the reciprocity suggestions, any more than it is the pure joy of welcoming Australian visitors with plenty of money to New Zealand that prompts the Government to keep us well supplied with information on the subject. The consequence is that the colony is kept better before the world than the Commonwealth. Nothing that can possibly heighten the good repute of New Zealand for anything is kept from the knowledge of people elsewhere. Everywhere agents or publications are insisting on the colony's excellent climate, its beautiful scenery, its tremendous resources, its happy labour conditions, and its satisfied capitalists, its frozen meat, and its dairy products. It is not surprising, then, to find people who are desirous of emigrating from the old country turning their thoughts to New Zealand rather than to Australia. New South Wales has been doing better in this direction of late; but we have a lot of leeway to make up.

THE EIGHT-HOURS BILL.

The eight-hour system has become so well recognised, and it has passed so thoroughly into our industrial system without legislation, that it seems unnecessary to force the matter unduly by passing an imperative Act of Parliament about it. The privilege as it exists has been won by mutual agreement and compromise between employers and employed, without the need of compulsory arbitration or any penalising laws on either side. Generally speaking, it is fair enough to say that the eight-hour system now obtains in all trades where it is reasonably applicable without detriment to the interests of the industry. Men who want employment at their respective trades are quite shrewd enough to see that it is possible to drive employers too far. Of course a certain amount of work has to be done and paid for, whatever the demands of labour may be. It is conceivable that in some callings, if the state of the labour market permitted, men might demand a full day's wages for two hours' work, and get it. But the effect of that would be to so restrict employment by closing down on work that was not urgently necessary that the state of the labour market would quickly bring things back to the normal again. Irksome labour demands, whether dictated by industrial unions or political organisations, mean a lack of employment, and every wage-earner and wage-earner's wife knows that as well as the most learned economist who ever lived. The man who employs labour has learnt certain things also, and by putting their knowledge and common sense together they arrived at the eight-hour compromise, which has served its purpose without legislation up to the present.

But now we have the demand for a legislative enactment, and the meeting at the Trades Hall on Saturday defined its demands on lines that there can be no mistaking. A bill is to be introduced at the earliest possible date, the Labour party consenting, under which the employer shall have no option but to employ his men for eight hours a day except on Saturday, when they will work only four, or dismiss them. There is another alternative. He and those of his men who consent to work longer will be sent to gaol as branded criminals for their offence, unless they buy immunity from prison at a rate calculable from four shillings up to five pounds in each case. There is an exception provided in cases of accident or emergency, but so far as the latter is concerned it does not appear to amount to much of a concession. Take the case of the primary producer, who has to do his work at certain seasons in rushes. The gathering-in of his harvest means work early and late to save his crops. That seems like a case of emergency. Yet among the eight callings added by the conference, making 143 in all, to which the proposed Act is to apply, we find that of the farm labourer specially included. Is he to be limited strictly to eight hours? Are we to regard this promised measure as a foretaste of the legislation which will be proposed under the blissful conditions of socialism which the Labour party will introduce if successful at the Federal polls?

Closer Settlement.—The Premier has been in constant communication with the Peel River Company in England for the acquisition of their Goonoo Goonoo estate. Lord Jersey and Mr. Coghlan have been negotiating on behalf of this State with the company in London. Matters have reached that stage when the board has called its local manager, Mr. Gidley King, to London to confer, and he left Sydney on Saturday. The area of Goonoo Goonoo is 310,000 acres, and the Premier definitely intimated to Mr. King at interviews last week that the Government had determined, in the interests of closer settlement, that this estate shall be acquired, and if amicable negotiations fail its resumption will be carried through the processes of the Closer Settlement Act. The subdivision by the company of portions of the estate is recognised to have done something in advancing the agricultural development of the district, but the results are not quite satisfactory, as the values of the remainining lands are being increased, thereby creating an impediment to the future settlement of the land by a farming population.

Lands Administration.—A public meeting, presided over by Mr. Edward Terry, was held in the Town Hall, Parramatta, on Friday night, to express an opinion regarding the conduct of the Ministry in the matter of the lands administration. Speeches were delivered by the chairman, Mr. John Haynes, and Mr. D. D. Middleton. On the motion of the last-named the following resolution was carried:—"That this meeting of citizens of Parramatta expresses its profound distrust in the present administration of the public affairs of this State, and is of opinion that an immediate dissolution of Parliament is necessary."

Australian Meats.—The Agent-General, Mr. T. A. Coghlan, has forwarded to the Premier a statement prepared by the Agents-General regarding the steps he, as chairman, took to maintain the position of Australian preserved meats during the recent meat scandals. Mr. Coghlan adds:—"I think it will be admitted that every possible precaution has been taken to protect the interests of our State. Although the tinned meat trade is very dull at present, we hope to see it revive in two or three months' time. As far, however, as the army and navy are concerned it will probably be very difficult to induce them to take any very large supplies of colonial preserved meats, as they have enormous quantities of American tinned meats on hand, and will be sure to try to get them consumed in some way or other."

Sydney and the Mail Contract.—Although there is no stipulation in the new mail contract that the steamers are to come further than Adelaide, or that they shall not take New Zealand in their route, there is practically a consensus of commercial and shipping opinion that the terminal port must be Sydney, and that a New Zealand detour would be most improbable. Mr. Paxton, chairman of the shipping section of the Chamber of Commerce, when asked on Saturday said the contractors could not carry mails for New Zealand or any other place, except with the consent of the Commonwealth. That was in black and white in the contract, so that any arrangement by way of subsidy which New Zealand might seek to make could affect only cargo and passengers. He regarded it as absurd to suppose that the new company would make such a contract. They must come on to Sydney, for here the bulk of the cargo is handled, both in and out, and this is the coaling centre. The contractors would not dream of transhipping coal at Adelaide, and as for cargo and passengers, well, neither importers nor exporters would deal with a company that transhipped instead of making the original loading and discharging at Sydney, or if the cargo was to or from Melbourne, at the southern capital. If passengers had to tranship the service would be deserted. Studied from every standpoint, Mr. Paxton said the service must begin and terminate at Sydney, even if Brisbane was made a port of call, and as New Zealand could not get a mail service without the consent of the Commonwealth, no Government would dare to give consent if it meant that the route would end at Adelaide.

Bridging the Harbour.—Some time ago Mr. Richard Harnett initiated a movement to urge the establishment of communication by bridge between Greenwich and Long Nose Point, Balmain. Mr. Harnett has now received a communication from the Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, stating that the estimated cost of a structure affording a clear headway of 50ft above high-water spring tide, and giving a clear passage 150ft in width, was £220,000. It was mentioned that the Sydney Harbour Trust was strongly opposed to the erection of a low level bridge, as it would greatly interfere with the shipping of the port, particularly in the case of vessels proceeding to the Government dockyards and Mort's Dock but that the Commissioners would have no objection to a high level bridge, having a clear headway of 150ft. The latter proposal, however, cannot be considered, as the Department of Public Works has reported that the configuration of the locality was unsuitable for the construction of a bridge of such altitude.

Teachers' Examinations.—The current issue of the "Public Instruction Gazette" contains the general regulations and subjects for the examination of teachers, and sets out a complete list of standards in the various subjects and the different examinations that various classes of teachers are required to pass. Perhaps the most striking feature in the new arrangement is that the examinations of pupil teachers are now done away with, except those for admission to the Training College. Teachers will obtain their promotion from class to class, upon reports received from their inspectors, and from the teachers charged with their supervision, as to the character of their work generally. The study during the whole of their pupil teacher course can be directed towards preparation for their admission to the Training College. A further point is, that the examination for first-class teachers' certificates is reduced to four subjects—English language and literature, history, education, and one of the following groups: Mathematics, languages, science. The object of this is that for the examination for the highest grade of certificate, teachers will be required to specialise. It is also provided that the examination for any classification may be taken in sections, groups of three or more subjects being taken in any one year. One feature that marks the new standards is that the examinations will be upon the subjects specified rather than on the text-books. In order to secure a wide range of reading in connection with each subject, several text-books are mentioned as useful for reference, and the student is not required to confine himself to any one or two of them. The regulations of the examinations in these standards are specially framed so as to demand study of a kind that will help most in the practical work of the teacher, so that, while studying, his work will lead not merely to the gaining of a certificate, but help to better qualify him as a teacher.

The Water Supply.—The president of the Water and Sewerage Board (Mr. T. W. Keele), the engineer-in-chief (Mr. J. M. Small), and the medical officer to the board (Dr. Stokes) left town on Friday afternoon by drag, and paid a visit to the Cataract Dam. The object was to inspect the dam after the rainfall, and ascertain on the spot exactly how matters stood. The party reached Cataract City at half-past 5, giving them about half an hour to look round. At that time the water was standing at a level of 90ft above the river bed, and was running over the top to a depth of from 6ft to 8ft. The water during the greatest rush reached a height of 99ft above the bed of the river, and there was then a volume of about 16ft going over the top of the dam. It came down with such suddenness that the valves by which it might have been controlled were submerged, and up till Friday at 6 o'clock they were still out of reach. In spite, however, of the great strain to which the structure was subjected, there was not the slightest apparent injury, and none is anticipated. There are 500 million gallons impounded in the dam. The party also paid a visit to Broughton Pass, where they stayed overnight, and where they found the water still flowing over the weir; and they ascertained that there was also a full tunnel running into Prospect. The resident engineer (Mr. Jacobs) at Prospect informed Mr. Keele that yesterday he had again visited Broughton Pass and Pheasant's Nest, and found the water flowing over both diversion weirs to a depth of 2in to 3in at the former and about 4in at the latter, and that the water was still flowing over the Cataract Dam. The water began to flow into Prospect about midday on Saturday, and Mr. Keele estimates that the reservoir will rise at the rate of about 6in per day, and will nearly be filled. All fears of a scarcity for the summer are now at an end.

Legalising Eight Hours.—Another attempt is being made to have eight hours made a legal day's labour, and to declare void, and in some cases penal, certain contracts and agreements. It is also proposed to regulate hours of labour, to provide for overtime working and payments therefor, and for other purposes connected with those objects. A bill has been drafted on the lines of the one which was introduced into Parliament some years ago, and this draft received its final touches at a conference of representatives of the Sydney, Newcastle, and Lithgow Eight-hour Associations, and of the Sydney Labour Council, which was held at the Trades Hall on Saturday afternoon. With eight hours a day it is proposed that in 143 occupations the week's work shall comprise 44 hours, four hours being set down as sufficient for one of the six days. Provision is made for the proposed Act not to compel any person to work eight hours where a less number has already been, or may hereafter be, agreed upon, and the legislation is intended to apply also to workmen employed by the Government. The State Parliamentary Labour party is to be requested to have a bill embodying these proposals introduced at the earliest possible date, so that the proposed law may take effect at the beginning of the year.

First Mayor of Homebush. — At the first meeting of the newly-elected municipal council of Homebush, held in temporary council-chambers in the borough on Friday night, Alderman H. N. Kite was elected Mayor for the year on the nomination of Alderman T. Dalton, seconded by Alderman G. Knight. The other aldermen present were Messrs. J. T. Slattery, H. W. Wilkins, and J. C. V. N. Hughes. It is a coincidence that Alderman Kite's business partner in the firm of Kite and Price, timber merchants, of Homebush (Alderman J. Price), is the Mayor of the adjacent municipality of Strathfield. It is likely that one of the aldermen will perform the duties of council clerk in an honorary capacity until the new body has got into working order. Judging by the controversy surrounding the proposed removal of the abattoirs, the new council, which seeks to have control over rates from the saleyards and abattoirs, will, it is expected, have a rather stormy time. The Government is to be asked to fulfil certain financial promises to the district.

The Canadian Mail.—The R.M.S. Aorangi, of the Canadian-Australian line, will leave for Vancouver at 1 p.m. to-day, sailing from Flood's Wharf, Circular Quay. Though at the present season few people are leaving Australia, the Aorangi has a good list, and the majority of the passengers are going through to England. The Aorangi has a large cargo of Australian merchandise, consisting of wool, carcases mutton, hides, marsupial skins, rabbitskins, preserved meats, timber, cocoanut oil, etc.

Oral Tenancy.—In connection with the qualification of electors in municipalities, Mr. D. Clifford, council clerk at Petersham, pointed out at the last meeting of his council that in the Local Government Extension Bill a section of the bill allowed an elector to be enrolled if he were a tenant of a property valued at £5 or upwards, and each joint tenant under lease in writing, or what is called oral tenancy, had a vote, provided the property were worth over £20, allowing £5 per year for each tenant's vote. Thus a man with a wife and four adult children, who rented a property worth £45 per year, could have control over six votes, while the owner of an adjoining property, worth, perhaps, £200 per year, and taxed accordingly, might have only one vote. In the case of a company or trusteeship, he pointed out that only one vote was allowed, no matter how highly the property might be valued. The council endorsed Mr. Clifford's opinion that no vote should be allowed to "oral" tenants, as the provision was one that unprincipled persons would make much use of. They held that cumulative voting should not be done away with in municipal affairs, as the prime business of councils was that of expending money collected by means of rates from property owners. A person having a large amount of capital invested in a municipality had much more at stake than a tenant who could leave at a day or two's notice, and not need to evince the slightest concern as to the future welfare of the municipality he had left. An unwise step taken by the council could, they thought, seriously injure the sale of an owner's land, but could not affect he value of a tenant's portmanteau.

Rookwood Asylum.—The Chief Secretary had a conference on Saturday with the Public Service Board in reference to the necessity for changes in the staff of the management of the Rookwood Asylum, where there are upwards of 1200 inmates. This is a matter into which the Public Service Board has been inquiring for some weeks past, the object being to put the supervision of the establishment on a better footing. The whole matter was fully gone into between the Chief Secretary and the Board on Saturday, and Mr. Hogue states the probability is that in the near future a satisfactory improvement will be effected in the desired direction.

Wool and Wheat. — The heavy rains in the country have had their effect on the wool traffic on the railways, which shows a heavy decrease for last week. The total quantity of wool received at the three depots—Darling Harbour, New

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A MILITARY MYSTERY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

For about four months what is known as the Crouch case has been the subject of frequent report. It arose out of a trifling incident that probably interested no one except those who actually took part in it. But in the course of developments public curiosity was excited in regard to the ultimate issue. Captain Crouch was alleged to have been "captured" during the Easter manoeuvres. This brilliant exploit was duly reported in the press, duly denied by Captain Crouch, M.P., duly reaffirmed by the officers of the Scottish Regiment, and duly inquired into by a departmental board. As the facts were presented to the public, either the officers of the Scottish Regiment were making shockingly incorrect statements, or Captain Crouch was doing so. The officers were indignant. It was they who had demanded the appointment of a board of inquiry as a means of vindicating themselves from a virtual charge of untruthfulness. It has been stated in the press that according to an unofficial statement a majority of members of the board accepted the statements of the Scottish officers. The report was sent to the State Commandant, who endorsed it, and added a certain recommendation, and sent it on to the Minister of Defence. Then, owing to an informality, the case had to be gone over de novo—if at all. Now it has been hushed up, and the incident is regarded as closed. The State Commandant's recommendation is alleged to have been a serious one. Captain Crouch is one of the most loyal Ministerial supporters in the House, and it would doubtless have been a painful task for a Minister to rettire him from his military position under such inglorious circumstances. The widest publicity has been given to other military cases. This one, however, will remain wrapped in Ministerial mystery.

THE REVENUE RETURNS.

"Splendid returns," said Sir John Forrest on Saturday, exultingly. "Splendid returns," he added by way of emphasis. The Federal Treasurer was deeply absorbed with a pile of departmental documents in front of him. "You're not referring to interstate adjustments, Sir John?" queried the reporter, fully aware that any abnormal movements of interstate trade could not so intensely interest the Treasurer. "No!" Sir John replied emphatically. "The revenue returns for the month are a record. There is a great increase. The reason is to be found in the uncertainty as to what will be done with the tariff, and the fear that the spirit duties would be raised. Although in some cases we have not full information, there seems to be a general increase in the revenue independent of any exceptional development due to these causes."

Large quantities of tobacco have been taken out of bond during the month, doubtless as a precaution against the payment of increased duties. The Treasurer, although he is much gratified by the returns, does not expect that the revenue for the remaining months of the financial year will be proportionately as large.

The net Customs and Excise revenue collected throughout the Commonwealth last month amounted to £1,012,277. The highest total previously was in July, 1903, when the total was £883,779. Last month's revenue, therefore, was the largest by £128,498 collected since the beginning of federation. The following table shows the totals for each State compared with the figures for the corresponding month of last year:—

State.	Aug., 1906.		Aug., 1905.
New South Wales	£345,930	..	£297,370
Victoria	291,860	..	263,745
Queensland	103,873	..	85,258
South Australia	70,432	..	64,880
Western Australia	81,469	..	81,670
Tasmania	19,814	..	21,012
Totals	£1,012,277	..	£803,820

The Federal Treasurer's estimate for the financial year 1906-7 was £9,100,000, or an average of about £758,000 per month. Last month's total is over a quarter of a million above the average. The collections in Victoria increased by nearly £130,000, those in New South Wales by about £48,000, those in Queensland by over £18,000, and those in South Australia by nearly £16,000. In Tasmania and Western Australia there were slight decreases.

NATURALISATION RETURNS.

Last month 146 persons, of whom 18 were women, were naturalised in the Commonwealth, making a total of 779 since the beginning of the year. Practically every nationality in Europe is represented in these figures, but the largest contributions are made by Germany (64), Sweden (18), Russia (16), Denmark (11), Austria (8), and Italy (5). Two Poles are included in the German nationalisations, and six Poles and two Finns in the Russian.

NEW GUINEA.

The proclamation bringing the Papua Act into force was issued yesterday. The Governor-General received a cable from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows:—"His Majesty's Government send hearty congratulations to the Commonwealth on the assumption of full responsibility for the government of Papua."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The Postmaster-General has received particulars of an agreement made by the Imperial Government with the Marconi Company regarding wireless telegraphy. These show that the company has not a monopoly. Each station now licensed and worked by the company must, at the request of the Postmaster-General, be fitted so as to receive messages transmitted by other systems. Of stations worked by the Post Office, one group uses the Marconi system and the other group the de Forrest system.

ELECTORAL UNIFORMITY.

Mr. Oldham, Chief Electoral Officer, is in Brisbane making arrangements to complete the uniformity of the Federal and State electoral laws.

IMMIGRATION.

It is notified that his Majesty will not exercise his power of disallowance with respect to an Act amending the Immigration Restriction Act, 1901.

TASMANIA.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.

LAUNCESTON, Sunday.

By the provisions of the will of the late Mr. John Isaac, formerly of Ringarooma, a large sum of money is to be set aside for the maintenance of a model farm at Ringarooma. The Launceston Benevolent Society will participate largely in the will, which is to come before the Full Court on September 18.

INTERSTATE STOCK INSPECTORS' CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The stock inspectors' conference has carried a resolution that as anthrax is a notifiable disease in New South Wales, and as provision is made for compulsory vaccination when deemed necessary, the passage of stock from one State to another should be governed by the same restrictions, namely, certifying by an officer of the Stock Departments of the respective States as to the freedom of the stock from anthrax, and if inoculated; also as to the freedom from infection of the holding from which they came, and the route by which they travelled.

As to the tick pest, the conference placed on record a resolution that, in its opinion, the measures adopted by New South Wales in regard to the introduction of working horses across the Queensland border are efficient and adequate protection for the other States, with out the imposition of further restrictions by such States. It also further resolved that it was satisfied with the methods adopted by New South Wales in preventing the spread of ticks from Queensland, and agreed that contingent or increased precautions in certain directions being agreed on between the two States, a reasonable decrease of period of detention may safely be allowed.

The conference also considered the quarantine regulations of Tasmania with regard to pleuro-pneumonia, but carried no resolution upon it, as Mr. Tabart, the Tasmanian representative, would, it is understood, direct the attention of the Tasmanian Government to the fact that 120 days were considered an unnecessarily long period of detention.

MUTINEERS SHOT.

THE ATTACK ON SVEABORG.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Sentences have been passed on additional soldiers and civilians found guilty of taking part in the mutiny at Sveaborg fortress, near Helsingfors.

Nineteen soldiers and three civilians were shot, thirty-three soldiers were sentenced to penal servitude ranging from 12 to 15 years, and 526 others were sentenced to service for various periods in disciplinary battalions or to terms of imprisonment.

CARE FOR THE PREMIER.

QUARTERS IN A PALACE.

In consequence of the attacks made upon M. Stolypin, the Premier, the Czar has directed that he and his family shall reside in the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg.

TROOPS POURING INTO WARSAW.

Sixteen fresh battalions of troops and 1200 Cossacks have reached Warsaw.

COMPLICITY IN A MUTINY.

One hundred civilians who were arrested at St. Petersburg have been conveyed to Kronstadt. They are accused of complicity in the recent mutiny.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF ODESSA.

General Glagoleff has succeeded General Carangosoff as Governor-General of Odessa.

BOMB AT A WEDDING.

A bomb which was thrown at a wedding at Usofaka killed three people and injured 13 others.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT ASHORE.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Advices from Honolulu state that the American transport Sheridan, 5000 tons, is ashore at Barber's Point, Hawaii. The accident occurred owing to a steampipe having broken. There is no beach in the vicinity.

The Sheridan struck amidships, and she is broadside on to the shore. Heavy surf prevented the vessel's crew landing near the stranding place.

NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION.

SIR JOHN GORST COMMISSIONER.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Sir John Eldon Gorst has been appointed special Commissioner for the British Government to the New Zealand Exhibition at Christchurch.

Sir John Eldon Gorst, one of the famous "fourth party" in the House of Commons in the early eighties, has occupied various positions in Conservative Ministries. In his early life he spent some time in New Zealand, being Civil Commissioner of Waikato from 1861 to 1863. His son, Sir Eldon Gorst, Assistant Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, was born in New Zealand.

TEN THOUSAND MINERS STRIKE.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Six thousand miners at Rhymney, Monmouthshire, and 4000 at Maesteg, Glamorganshire, struck, owing to the employment of a non-unionist.

ENGLISH HOP CROP.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Le May and Company's estimate of the English hop crop states that the crop is considerably less than half the annual consumption, and the acreage is the lowest for 60 years, but the quality is splendid.

TRUST FUNDS MISAPPROPRIATED.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Mr. Hipple, president of the Real Trust of Philadelphia, who committed suicide, misappropriated £1,000,000 of trust funds.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

WON BY KENT.

LONDON, Sept. 2.

The matches for the county championship concluded on Saturday. Kent did not lose a match after Whitsuntide, and thus won the championship. Yorkshire, Surrey, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, and Essex followed in order named.

The championship was last year won by Yorkshire, Lancashire was second, Sussex third, Surrey fourth, Leicestershire fifth, and Kent sixth. The order of the other counties was Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Gloucestershire equal, Notts, Middlesex, Essex, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Somerset, and Hampshire. The success of Kent in the championship will cause much surprise. The leading Kentish bowlers are Fielder and Blythe. Fielder was out with the last England team in Australia. He recently secured the whole of the ten wickets against the gentlemen. Blythe came out with A. C. Maclaren's last team.

HAYWARD'S RECORD PERFORMANCE.

Hayward, playing for Surrey against Middesex, obtained his 13th century this season, and increased his aggregate to 3300 runs. The performance constitutes a record.

C. B. Fry obtained 13 centuries during the 1901 season. Abel's record of 3309 runs, established in 1901, has now been broken. The aggregate of 3000 and over are:—Hayward, 3360; Abel, 3309; Hayward (1904), 3170; Ranjitsinhji (1899), 3159; C. B. Fry (1901), 3147; Ranjitsinhji (1900), 3065; J. T. Tyldesley, 3041. There is a possibility of Hayward further increasing his total, for there are two matches in which he will probably play to complete the season—North v South, beginning to-day, and Gentlemen v Players on Thursday, both a Scarborough.

BATTING AND BOWLING RECORD.

Hirst has completed 2000 runs and taken 200 wickets, establishing a record.

Hitherto Albert Trott has been the one cricketer to obtain the thousand runs and two hundred wickets. Hirst has registered two thousand runs and secured two hundred wickets, and therefore, has established a record. This is the seventh season the Yorkshireman has run into four figures in runs and three figures in wickets, and now equals W. G. Grace's record.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

A REMARKABLE SWIM.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

Burgess, in his seventh attempt to cross the Channel, swam 40 miles in 18 hours. He crossed the Goodwin Sands, and reached a spot four miles from Calais, but failed to complete the task, owing to being seized with cramp.

PRESIDENT OF CHILI.

Senor Pedro Montt has been proclaimed President of Chili.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

UNIFORMITY REQUIRED.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The National Federation of Meat Traders urge that the Government should issue the report of the Royal Commission on the relation of tuberculosis in man and in cattle, with a view of securing uniformity of local action in regard to the seizure of and confiscation of carcases alleged to be tuberculous.

A Royal Commission on tuberculosis was appointed to report with regard to it—(1) whether the disease in animals and man is one and the same; (2) whether animals and man can be reciprocally infected with it; (3) under what conditions; if at all, transmission of the disease from animals to man takes place, and what are the circumstances favourable or unfavourable to such transmission. An interim report, published in June, 1904, stated that the Commissioners had found that tubercle of human origin can give rise in the bovine animal to tuberculosis identical with the ordinary bovine tuberculosis; and therefore it would be most unwise to frame or modify legislative measures on the view that human and bovine tubercle bacilli were specifically different from each other.

CATTLE FEVER IN NATAL.

WIDESPREAD EPIDEMIC.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

An outbreak of East Coast fever is doing havoc among cattle in Natal. It is feared that the epidemic is more widespread than the former outbreak of rinderpest. Some infected cattle were sold at Durban, and it is impossible to trace them.

A FRIEND OF GERMANY.

THE BRITISH WAR MINISTER.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, the British Secretary of State for War, now in Prussia, as the guest of the German Emperor at the army manoeuvres, has visited the Prussian War Office. Several German newspapers have welcomed him as a friend of Germany.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE WITH A BALLOON.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

While Miss Daly, an aeronaut, was ascending with a balloon at Middletown, New York, the rope being whirled among the crowd the loop of it caught Miss Roper by one of her legs, and carried her head downwards until an altitude of 1000ft had been reached.

Miss Daly had meanwhile seized Miss Roper, and having released the gas from the balloon they both descended safely.

NATAL INDEMNITY BILL.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Reuter's correspondent at Pietermaritzburg states that the Imperial Government has sanctioned the Indemnity Bill indemnifying the Government for future as well as for past acts in connection with the native rebellion.

FUGITIVE RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS.

RESTRICTIONS IN SPAIN.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

A bill has been introduced into the Cortes which provides for subjecting members of religious associations who have recently arrived in Spain from France to the same law as members of industrial associations, who are compelled to become naturalised.

WORKMEN'S ARBITRATION.

COMMENTS ON NEW ZEALAND ACT.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The "Times" states that though it is true the Arbitration Act has not ruined New Zealand yet there is abundant evidence of discontent on the part of masters and men.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Minister for Labour (Mr. Millar) told a deputation that he hoped to be able to propose an amendment of the Arbitration Act, which would give some of the advantages of preference to unionists. He thought no harm could be done by giving it a trial. He also favoured reducing the number of members of the conciliation boards from five to three, and providing for the appointment of one assessor from each side to sit with the board on each dispute. He further thought that the recommendations of the board should be binding if approved by a majority of the parties interested, and would save a lot of friction and waste of time.

HEAVY FLOODS IN BENGAL.

CROPS SWEPT AWAY.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

Heavy floods following poor harvests in Bengal and East Bengal will cause a serious famine. Many of the crops have been swept away.

For the week ended August 4, the persons on relief work in Eastern Bengal rose from 15,479 to 19,718. It was expected that as the crop prospects were good with the reaping of the harvest all relief work would be stopped. New floods have swept away this hope.

THE LATE LADY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has received telegrams of sympathy in the death of his wife from all parts of the world.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

Six hundred professors of colleges in Canada support the system of phonetic spelling adopted by President Roosevelt.

SUNSTROKE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Some cases of sunstroke are reported in England. The shade temperature has been from 91deg. to 93deg., the highest since August, 1893.

STATE REVENUES.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The State revenue for August was £746,371, showing an increase of £175,705 compared with August, 1905. Of this sum £136,726 is consequent on the large withdrawal of tobacco and other goods from bond in anticipation of increased duties, but apart from that the internal revenue was very buoyant. For two months of the financial year the State increase was £48,549, while the Commonwealth increase was £164,373.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Sunday.

The consolidated revenue for August was £55,532, compared with August last year, £65,470.

TRADE RECIPROCITY.

FEELING IN ENGLAND.

NO SACRIFICE BY AUSTRALIA.

INCREASED MEASURE OF PROTECTION.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The "Daily Chronicle" writes that the essence of Mr. Deakin's proposal is a further instalment of protection for Australian manufacturers. In most lines affected by the offer the great bulk of the trade is already in British hands. In return for a small and doubtful benefit Great Britain is asked to alter her whole fiscal system. She is asked to tax the bulk of her trade in order to give preference to the smaller part. It is unreasonable, the "Daily Chronicle" adds, to ask a price out of all proportion to the benefit received.

The "Manchester Guardian" states that Australia gives away nothing. Of colonial sacrifice there is not the faintest trace.

The "Globe" says that Mr. Deakin offer is a distinct step onwards in the cause of Imperial tariff reform. It is not the offer of a concession, it is a concession itself.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says that Mr. Deakin's offer of a substantial preference, which is not conditional for any return in kind, constitutes an important sequel to the agreement for preference between the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and brings Australia into line with the rest of the self-governing colonies for the Imperial Conference which is to be held in 1907.

CANADIANS DISAPPOINTED.

ON SAME LEVEL AS UNITED STATES.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Canadians are disappointed that Mr. Deakin, in making his preferential trade proposals, should have placed products of the Dominion on the same footing with those of the United States.

"WAVING THE FLAG."

A CHEAP SORT OF PATRIOTISM.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Now that members of Parliament have been able to look into the details of the preferential trade proposals, the first impression that they were not intended primarily as a legitimate concession to the mother country so much as for a political placard to attract sentimental votes has been strengthened. That view is almost unanimously taken by straight-out Opposition members. The total imports during 1905 of the articles subject to preference was £2,182,977, but of this total £1,384,000 worth already come from the United Kingdom. Thus whilst the Commonwealth's importations amount to £36,000,000 foreign importations to the amount of only three-quarters of a million will be affected. Freetrade members think that this species of preference would be ludicrous if beneath it they did not detect a deep political move. It is what they call "Waving the flag." Militarists must realise that the administration restriction laws, or the administration of them, has created a bad impression. They declined to exempt British manufacturers from the operation of the prohibitive provisions of the Anti-Trust Bill. The Opposition then accused them of preaching preferential trade on the one hand to appeal to Empire sentiments, and of placing power in an administrative body to shut out British manufactures on the other, by way of satisfying the Victorian protectionist clamour. As a sort of counterblast they come down with these preferential concessions. "It is waving the flag," one labour members remarked, "and it is an astute political move. They are gaining all the glory of proposing perference, whilst they are making no concession. That is a cheap sort of patriotism, or Imperialism. But I fancy that when the hollowness of this thing is exposed during the elections the people will be able to view it in its true light."

RUMOURED GERMAN REPRISAL.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

A rumour prevailed in the city yesterday that the German Government intended to impose a duty of 1d per lb on Australian wool not taken to Germany in German vessels, in reprisal for the higher duties imposed on German manufactures under the new preferential tariff.

OPINIONS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The publication of the new tariff resolution covering preference to Great Britain and a reciprocal tariff with New Zealand caused considerable excitement in mercantile circles. Mr. R. Philp, leader of the Opposition, noted one item which should commend itself to Queensland. The fact that Queensland sugar is now free on entering New Zealand meant that the tariff favoured Queensland sugar of £4 13s 4d per ton. Taking the annual consumption of New Zealand at 40,000 tons of sugar, it meant, roughly, £186,000, which New Zealand was giving us in the way of duty. Other commercial men complained that Mr. Deakin had pledged himself not to alter the tariff, and yet came down with a sudden change of great importance to business men. Week after week there was something new which deprived traders of any little profit they had made. The question of preference might be overdone. It naturally followed that if there were a higher protective duty goods manufactured in the Commonwealth would be advanced.

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND AGREEMENT.

NEW ZEALAND WHEAT MARKET.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Saturday.

The admission of flour duty free will apparently have a disturbing influence on the wheat market. Already cable advices have been received from Melbourne offering flour at £7 per ton f.o.b., which, including freight, means it will be delivered at 12s 6d below the latest quotation for locally-produced flour. Millers and wheat-growers, therefore, consider that the reciprocity proposals will affect them seriously.

SIR WILLIAM LYNE'S MISTAKE.

ORANGES FREE IN NEW ZEALAND.

At a meeting of fruitgrowers in Parramatta on Saturday afternoon Mr. A. W. Blood said it behoved the growers to pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Joseph Cook for the efforts he had made in pressing on the Federal Parliament the necessity of a bounty for the fruit industry. Bounties were knocking about. They talked of bounties for the iron and other industries, and if they could get a bounty for the export of oranges to London it would do a great deal towards opening up the export trade. He had much pleasure in endorsing the action of Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook said he was obliged for the kindly reference. They had possibly noted the doings of the week when Parliament, for bounties, had allocated half a million of money, spread over several years. There were to be bounties in cotton, rice, rubber, fish, etc. He thought if the Government was going to give bounties for these articles, why not bounties also for the fruit industry. He had tried to get a share. His idea was to overcome the difficulties of transportation to foreign markets. However, it had been decided that fruit was not to get a look in. They had also noticed the matter of reciprocity arranged by the Prime Ministers of Australia and the late Premier of New Zealand. Under that agreement they had left out oranges and lemons, and included grapes, apples, and pears. He went to find out the reason, and Sir William Lyne told him that an effort had been made to have oranges included, but Mr. Seddon had refused. The reason, it was stated to him, was that in some corner of New Zealand they grew a few oranges—in the North Island. No matter how inferior, they grew oranges. This statement, made in all earnestness, caused the growers to laugh. "Why," remarked one grower, "oranges are free—lemons are a half-penny per lb." "Are you quite certain?" asked Mr. Cook, and there was a chorus of "Yes, quite sure; oranges are free." "Then," said Mr. Cook, "all I have to say is that the Minister informed me that he had an afternoon's fight with Mr. Seddon on the question. I am glad to hear that oranges are free."

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS

PROBABLE ANTI-SOCIALIST CANDIDATES.

Of the 27 Federal electorates in New South Wales, the anti-socialist candidates for 20 have been practically decided upon, and require now only the formal approval of the central executive. The seats about which there is still some doubt are Calare, now represented by Mr. Brown; Eden-Monaro, the Postmaster-General's constituency; The Richmond, for which Mr. T. T. Ewing is the sitting member; West Sydney, won by Mr. W. M. Hughes for Labour at the last election; The Darling, which Mr. Spence holds for the socialists; Newcastle, Mr. D. Watkins's seat; and the new electorate, No. 10—The Nepean. It is practically certain that an anti-socialist candidate will be run for every electorate in the State, and the final selections will be made in the course of a few days. As far as can be determined at present, the anti-socialist candidates will be as under:—

Barrier.—Mr. J. S. Marshall.
Cook.—Mr. G. B. Edwards, M.P.
Cowper.—Mr. H. W. Lee, M.P.
Dailey.—Mr. W. H. Wilks, M.P.
East Sydney.—Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P.
Gwydir.—Mr. T. A. Cunningham.
Hume.—Mr. J. Gibb, M.P. (Vic.).
Hunter.—Dr. Liddell, M.P.
Illawarra.—Mr. G. W. Fuller, M.P.
Lang.—Mr. W. E. Johnson, M.P.
Macquarie.—Mr. Sydney Smith, M.P.
North Sydney.—Mr. D. Thomson, M.P.
New England.—Mr. E. Lonsdale, M.P.
Parramatta.—Mr. J. Cook, M.P.
Parkes.—Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P.
Riverina.—Mr. T. J. Jackson.
Robertson.—Mr. H. Willis, M.P.
South Sydney.—Sir James Graham.
Wentworth.—Mr. W. H. Kelly, M.P.
Werriwa.—Mr. A. H. Conroy, M.P.

CALARE.

Mr. Lloyd, the organiser of the Democratic Union, is at present consolidating the anti-socialist forces in the Calaro electorate in readiness for a fight against Mr. Brown, M.P., and arrangements will shortly be made for a conference of delegates from the local executives, with the view of recommending a suitable candidate. The feeling throughout the electorate is reported to be very sanguine that Mr. Brown can be beaten, and a good man should have an excellent chance of securing the seat. At last election Mr. Brown had the good fortune to be supported by the Reid party. Next election he will be compelled to fight under an entirely new set of conditions. The names of Messrs. Parker and Longman are mentioned in the Democratic interests. Mr. Parker has arranged to speak at Parkes to-night.

EDEN-MONARO.

Mr. C. R. Staples has been busy in organising the forces against Mr. Austin Chapman in Eden-Monaro, and he has succeeded in forming strong local executives of the Democratic Union in almost every centre of importance. The central executive is in communication with these local bodies, asking them to nominate a candidate to oppose the Postmaster-General. It is hoped that the name of a strong candidate will be announced within a few days.

THE RICHMOND.

Senator Neild reports excellent results from his visit to the Richmond electorate, "here he has done a great deal of organising work, besides speaking at the most important towns. Although Mr. Ewing is regarded as a strong man locally, the Democratic Union has received letters from many prominent people who have supported Mr. Ewing in the past, but are much annoyed at his sympathies with the socialist party, and are anxious that a Liberal candidate should be sent to oppose him.

WEST SYDNEY.

Mr. Hughes will probably find himself opposed by an extremely strong candidate in the democratic interests. Local executives of the Democratic Union have been formed throughout West Sydney, and negotiations are at present in progress with the view of securing a suitable candidate to oppose the existing member. The union has a man in view who, if he consents to come forward, will make a big fight against the sitting member.

DARLING.

Reports from Darling indicate that the organisers have formed strong local executives of the Democratic Union at Lourke, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Cobar, Tragie, Narromine, Nyngan, and Dubbo. Delegates from these centres have been appointed to attend a conference to be held at Dubbo tomorrow (Tuesday), when the matter of selecting a candidate to oppose the re-election of Mr. Spence, M.P., will be dealt with.

NEWCASTLE.

The recently-made changes in the electoral boundaries of Newcastle are by no means in Mr. Watkins' favour, and the local feeling inclines strongly to the belief that he can be beaten. The local democrats have determined to make a big attempt to win the seat, and several eligible men are being approached with the object of inducing one of them to undertake the contest.

SOUTH SYDNEY.

There is little doubt that Sir James Graham will carry the democratic colours in the new electorate of South Sydney against Mr. J. C. Watson, the socialist leader. Sir James represented part of the electorate when he sat in the State Parliament for Belmore, and he is well-known and very popular throughout the whole of the Federal electorate. A well-attended meeting of representatives from Surry Hills, Belmore, Waterloo, Redfern, Botany, and North Botany was held at the Redfern Town Hall on Friday night. There was an excellent attendance, and a good deal of enthusiasm prevailed. Alderman George Howe presided. The secretary read reports from the various local executives stating that Sir James Graham had been unanimously recommended by the individual branches, and that a large deputation had waited upon him at his residence on Tuesday, and requested him to allow himself to be nominated in the anti-socialist interests. Encouraged by Sir James Graham's response, the meeting unanimously agreed to a resolution to the effect that Sir James Graham be the selected candidate, and that the central executive be asked to confirm the selection. Another meeting will be held at the Redfern town hall on Friday, September 14, when it is expected that Sir James Graham will attend as the selected candidate, and deliver an address. The central executive will deal with the question at its usual meeting on Thursday next. Sir James Graham would rather have stood out of the turmoil of politics, but he felt that the exigencies of the situation demanded that he should put his personal feelings aside in the interests of party, and it was purely on these considerations that he consented to stand for selection. The fight for South Sydney should be one of the most interesting of the elections.

THE NEPEAN.

The central executive of the Democratic Union is actively engaged forming local executives throughout the new electorate of the Nepean. The seat should be an easy one for the anti-socialists. Mr. J. S. Hawthorne speaks at Rookwood to-night, and a candidate will be selected at an early date. Amongst those mentioned in the democratic interests are Alderman John Waugh (Parramatta), Mr. T. W. Taylor, Mr. E. Bowden, and Mr. Hawthorne.

THE HUNTER.

WEST MAITLAND, Sunday.

Mr. Charlton, M.L.A., addressed a public meeting last evening, and explained the objective of the Labour platform. He extended an invitation to those present to join the Political Labour League, with the object of selecting a candidate to contest the Hunter electorate at the Federal election.

DARLING.

WARREN, Saturday.

Great interest is centred in the conference to be held at Dubbo on Tuesday next, to select an anti-Socialist candidate for the Darling electorate. Mr. A. E. Perkins has been appointed to represent Warren. The candidates are Messrs. W. W. Davis, ex-M.L.A. for Bourke, J. G. Carroll, ex-M.L.A., the Lachlan. C. H. Barton, Wellington, E. H. Miller, Brewarrina, and D. B. Acton, Mudgee.

GWYDIR.

MOREE, Saturday.

A meeting of the Women's Democratic League was held at the School of Arts last night, there being a representative gathering. It was decided that the hon. secretary should be instructed to write to Mr. Cunningham asking him to address a meeting of women electors during his visit to Moree. Several other important matters were dealt with, including the enrolment of members. Those present expressed the hope that similar leagues would be formed in outlying parts of Moree district—Mungindi, Boggabilla, Boomi, Terry Hie Hie, etc.

SENATOR NEILD AT LISMORE.

LISMORE, Saturday.

Senator Neild addressed an orderly meeting here last night. About 300 people were present. The Mayor presided. Senator Neild challenged the Labour-Socialist party to show a record equal to his of progressive legislation of a beneficial character socially during a quarter of a century in Parliament. He instanced two, the Children's Protection Bills, the first of which stopped baby farming, and the second of which protected children against cruelty of parents, relatives, and employers till they were 21. He carried an amendment to the divorce law. The present position in the Federal Parliament was against the spirit of the British Constitution, which provides for a Government to introduce and an Opposition to criticise legislation. He thought the Government had no chance at the elections. The aggressive socialism of the Labour party needed watching. The caucus killed the value of a representative who voted as he was told, perhaps by the people of Western Australia, whose interests were opposed to those of his own electorate. He quoted Blatchford, Marx, "The Worker," Mann, and others to show that they were opposed to religion. The land tax the Labour party proposed would, he said, ruin land values, but then it was only a disguise. He quoted from leaders to show that the party was only waiting to get into power to advocate open confiscation. Senator Neild was well received throughout, though the meeting was not demonstrative. A hearty vote of thanks to him was carried.

WOLLONGONG, Sunday.

Labour sympathisers assembled at Woonona on Saturday evening to hear addresses by Mr. T. Thrower, M.L.A., and Mr. J. Grant, general secretary of the Political Labour League of New South Wales. The meeting also had in view the purpose of organising the Labour vote in the electorate for the approaching Federal campaign. It is intended to hold similar meetings in other centres as soon as speakers can be obtained.

In addition to the nomination of Mr. W. P. Mitchell, of the Helensburgh lodge, as a Labour candidate for the Illawarra Federal seat, the names of Messrs. Holt and Newton are mentioned as possible nominees.

THE LATE GALE.

ARRIVAL OF THE SOKOTO.

AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

VESSEL NARROWLY ESCAPES WRECK.

The four-masted barque Sokoto, from Antofagasta, in ballast, arrived early yesterday morning, having passed through an exciting experience during the late gale. From information received from the pilot at Manning Heads on Friday, it appeared that the Sokoto had gone ashore on Mermaid Reef. This, however, proved to be incorrect. She was driven by a fierce gale close to the reef, which is a dangerous locality near Crowdy Head, but Captain Bourke promptly dropped the anchors, thus saving the vessel from crashing on the rocks. The position she was in, however, was so dangerous that it was thought expedient to distribute life belts among the members of the crew and provision the boats for instant use in case of necessity.

The Sokoto left Antofagasta as far back as May 30 last, thus making the passage an unusually long one. This was due to the fact that the vessel was in light trim, and the winds experienced being light and mostly contrary. The first bad weather was had on August 2, when the vessel was within 1000 miles of Sydney. Stormy conditions then set in, and gale followed gale. It was frequently necessary to lay the ship to, and for days at a time those on board were unable to take observations, the course being set by dead reckoning. The wind, which was blowing from the south-east, increased in velocity on the 28th, and blew a howling gale, accompanied with heavy rain squalls. So thick was the weather that it was impossible to see any distance from the vessel's decks. Heavy seas were continually breaking over the ship, which was almost under bare poles. On the following morning Captain Bourke put the ship about, with the intention of getting further away from the land. The wind at this time was blowing from the ESE, and the sea was running mountains high, continually sweeping the vessel from end to end. There was also a haze, and men on the lookout were unable to see more than a ship's length ahead. At 10 a.m. the weather lifted slightly, and the lookout was startled to see breakers in close proximity to the vessel. An attempt was made to head the Sokoto seaward, but an unusually heavy puff of wind stripped her of what sails had been set. The breakers were then about a mile distant. The wind was blowing shoreward, and the vessel began to drift to destruction, every effort of the crew to get her off the shore being unavailable. The starboard anchor, with 120 fathoms of chain, was dropped. The gale had been increasing in violence, and the anchor failed to hold. The Sokoto began to drift rapidly toward the shore, and the second anchor was let go.

Huge seas were continually breaking over the barque, and at times those on board thought that the continual straining would snap the anchor chains. Captain Bourke, recognising the dangerous position of the ship, ordered the lifeboats to be provisioned, and made ready for instant lowering. Lifebelts were also handed to the crew, and everything was made ready for abandoning the vessel if necessity arose.

At this time the crew were uncertain exactly what portion of the coast they had struck, as it was the first land of which they had been able to get a glimpse. It later transpired that they were in the vicinity of Mermaid Reef, which lies in lat. 31deg. 46m south, two miles from the shore. The breakers on the reef were distinctly visible to those on board. It was impossible to see the mainland, however, as heavy rain squalls and mist hid it from view. Those on board spent an anxious night, and emergency anchors were got ready in case those already down failed to hold, but happily it was not necessary to use them. On the following morning the weather had moderated somewhat, and signals were exchanged with the pilot station at Manning Heads, asking that a tug should be sent to their assistance. The pilot boat shortly afterwards went alongside and a collier also signalled asking if any assistance was needed. Captain Bourke, however, declined any assistance, stating that the vessel was perfectly safe, and would wait for the tug which had been ordered.

On Friday evening Messrs. J. and A. Brown's tug Port Jackson, which had been despatched from Newcastle, reached the scene, and quickly passed a line on board. The wind had then veered round to the NW. making the work of the tug easy. Stormy conditions again set in during the night, making progress somewhat slow, but the powerful tug Champion, which had also been despatched to the scene, hove in sight, and passed a line aboard, and the vessel was towed to port, arriving shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

The vessel escaped without damage, beyond the loss of a few sails. She has come here for docking prior to proceeding to Newcastle to load for the West Coast of South America, and was taken immediately to Mort's Dock.

Captain Bourke, who is in charge of the Sokoto, is well known in Sydney, having visited the port on many occasions. Mr. W. Doyle, the chief officer, is also known here, having last visited the port in 1886, as chief officer of the ship Bank Hall.

THE WEATHERBOUND FLEET.

The tempest has completely blown itself out, and last night from moderate to smooth seas were reported along the greater part of the coast. Although the wind blew with hurricane force, and the seas were running mountains high, no serious accidents were reported. The Danish barque Thora, which reached port yesterday afternoon from Suva, experienced the full force of the gale, but beyond losing a few sails escaped without damage.

A number of coastal vessels, both sail and steam, have been weatherbound on the northern rivers, but most of these have now been able to cross the bars, and are proceeding to their various ports of destination.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PRESERVED GOODS.

PERTH, Saturday.

During the last few days the officers of the Central Board of Health have been examining preserved goods offered for sale at Perth. They seized and condemned 2032 tins of fish, meat, milk, etc., and 144 tins of Chicago potted meat. Further examinations are being made.

WHARF LABOURERS' DIFFICULTIES.

SHIPOWNERS' DEMANDS.

PERTH, Sunday.

There appears to be danger of a difficulty arising between shipowners and the Fremantle Lumpers' Union. Seven years ago Fremantle wharf lumpers went on strike. An agreement was ultimately drawn up, and it appeared to be satisfactory to both parties. This agreement was never registered, but both sides worked for seven years in good faith, and only once did a slight hitch occur. Two months ago, however, a feeling of perturbation was occasioned amongst lumpers owing to an announcement made at a meeting of the Fremantle Harbour Trust that it was the intention of the shipowners to submit a new agreement and seek the sanction of the Arbitration Court to it. A draft agreement has been issued by the shipowners, and strongly condemned by wharf lumpers, as it seeks to curtail earnings and privileges enjoyed by the latter.

RAID UPON A MINE BATTERY.

BY ARMED ROBBERS.

A SENSATIONAL AFFAIR.

WORKMEN SUDDENLY SURROUNDED.

GAGGED AND BOUND.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Saturday.

A raid of a sensational character was made on Friday morning on the battery of Hannan's Reward mine. The story as detailed by workmen who were victimised is of a nature that brings up recollections of the doings of "Captain Starlight" and the Kelly gang. Two or three men who were employed at the battery during the night shift were working on the tram line about 20ft behind the battery at about 8 o'clock in the morning, when they were suddenly surrounded by four men, each of whom presented a revolver. One of the party commanded the men to throw up their arms, and having the worst of the position they obeyed the order. While two of the robbers kept their victims covered the other two proceeded to securely bind and gag them, and after having trussed them up in

£80 to £100 per annum under favourable conditions, and I believe my plan could be carried out for less than half that amount, even if we had to pay for everything."

Our talk covered other ground. It was claimed, for instance, that the Coast Hospital should be used for emergencies of this sort, and its non-infectious cases sent to the city hospitals; but that opens up another question which need not be discussed at this juncture. The point is, that our medical men are concerned about these hopeless consumptives, and the community in its own defence must begin to do something for them.

KALGOORLIE GOLD STEALING COMMISSION.

SOME BOOKS IMPOUNDED.

KALGOORLIE, Saturday.

Mr. A. E. Barker, Crown Solicitor, recently appointed as a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the alleged prevalence of gold stealing on these fields, began his labours at the Kalgoorlie Courthouse on Friday, when evidence was adduced as to a largely restricted production. Sergeant-Detective Kavanagh, the first witness called, stated that the report on gold stealing, produced, was a copy of one furnished by him to Inspector Connell, chief of the Criminal Investigation Department, on June 15 last. Witness adhered to the report, and wished to retract nothing.

Questioned as to whether he had given it as his opinion that the amount of gold stolen amounted to hundreds of thousands of pounds, or ounces, annually, witness explained that in the original copy of his report he had written hundreds of thousands of pounds, but that owing to a mistake made by someone in copying the report the word "ounces" had been substituted for "pounds" in the press.

John Vivian Williams, acting manager of the Commercial Bank, Great Boulder; Clunie M'Michael, manager of the W.A. Bank, Kalgoorlie; Alfred Thomas, bullion clerk in the same bank; J. T. Hyde, manager of the Bank of N.S.W., Kalgoorlie; E. E. Schroeder, manager of the W.A. Bank, Great Boulder; Robert Young, manager of the Commercial Bank, Kalgoorlie; Walter Allen, manager of the Union Bank, Kalgoorlie; and E. H. Wreford, manager of the National Bank, Kalgoorlie, were called to give evidence as to the last two years' dealings in gold by the various institutions represented by them. In every instance they replied that the provisions of the Act in the matter of making full inquiries before purchasing bullion had been carried out, and all of them were unanimous in declaring that in only a few instances had persons offered to sell gold under circumstances that seemed suspicious.

A witness named M'Kellar stated that in one case where he had refused to buy gold the would-be seller had remarked, "Very well, I'll take it to the Perth Mint."

While a witness named Williams was under examination Sergeant-detective Kavanagh sought to question him concerning certain entries in the gold-dealers' book, some of which it appeared, had been crossed out, and others substituted. Witness, however, explained that he was only temporarily in charge of the bullion department during the absence of the manager, Mr. Simms. For the same reason, he could not offer any explanation as to why page 333 of the same book had been signed in blank by John Moore, hotelkeeper, Boulder; Thomas Bibby, merchant, Kalgoorlie; Hugh M'Kay, jeweller, Boulder; Samuel Abrahams, jeweller, Boulder; W. A. Foley, assayer, Boulder; William Regan, claim-holder, Boulder; Frederick Thompson, Kalgoorlie Treatment Works; James Robertson, jeweller, Boulder; John Nilen, Boulder; David Parnell, mine owner, Boulder; John Deeble, assayer, Boulder; Keppel Bateman, manager of the Orotava Treatment Works, Kalgoorlie. The above had been summoned to appear, and also to produce books, passbooks, and papers in connection with mines in which they may be interested. With the exception of the last witness they declared that they did not keep any books other than bank passbooks.

David Parnell, acting on the advice of his counsel, only consented to produce his bank passbook under compulsion.

Foley and Nilen were examined. Both men were, according to their own showing, in partnership until a few months ago, and, although handling a lot of gold, had not considered it necessary to keep any books. When questioned on the point, Nilen expressed surprise that his partner had been putting large quantity of gold through the Commercial Bank, Boulder, without his knowledge, to the joint credit of Foley and Nilen. He however, admitted having sold to the Kalgoorlie branch of the Bank of New South Wales two lots of gold, the product of ore coming from a lease known as the Boulder Deep Levels South, and owned by Foley; also one lot to the Western Australia Bank, Kalgoorlie.

Questioned at a later stage of the inquiry by Mr. Kavanagh, Foley stated that Nilen's interest in the joint account at the Commercial Bank, Boulder, was not his former partner John Nilen, but Foley's brother, Hugh Nilen. In reply to the Commissioner, Foley further stated that, although Hugh Nilen had no interest in the assaying business, and had no interest whatever in the mine known as the Boulder Deep Levels South, he (witness) had given Hugh Nilen authority to draw a cheque over the fund which was witness's exclusive property.

H. C. Davies, writer of the interview with Mr. J. E. Scantlebury, published in the "British-Australasian," London, and also in some of the eastern Australian daily newspapers was called, and stated that Mr. Scantlebury never said, nor did he (Scantlebury) believe that the gold stolen annually from the Kalgoorlie mines amounted to over £1,000,000. Mr. Scantlebury's definite opinion as to the quantity of gold stolen annually was that it did not exceed £500,000.

The Commission will be resumed on Monday morning. In the meantime the books and papers impounded at Friday's sitting will be examined.

THE LINNEAN SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the society was held in the Linnean Hall on Wednesday last, Mr. Thos. Steel, F.C.S., F.L.S., president, in the chair. The president exhibited living specimens of the Victorian Peripatus, and of three kinds of land planarians from Portland, Vic. Mr. D. G. Stead showed examples of five species of hippocampid pipe-fishes, allied to the sea-horses, from Hawkesbury River, Lake Illawarra, Port Jackson, Tuggerah Lake, and Bateman's Bay; and he offered some remarks on the curious breeding habits of this group of fishes. Mr. Fred. Turner exhibited and offered some observations upon a very fine collection of Australian grasses, being portion of the herbarium of the late Hon. Jas. Norton. Mr. Turner stated that before his death Dr. Norton had completed a botanical survey of the area lying within one mile radius of his country residence, Springwood, on the Blue Mountains.

Mr. A. J. North sent for exhibition skins of Cracticus leucopterus Gould, a Western Australian butcher-bird, and of the common Eastern butcher-bird, C. destructor Temminck, to show that the two species were identical. Mr. North also called attention to the nesting of some of the birds in the neighbourhood of Sydney, probably due to the unusually fine dry weather which had prevailed for several months past.

Papers were contributed by (1) Mr. H. J. Carnegie, "Notes on the Native Flora of New South Wales, Part x." (2) Rev. J. E. Bowral to the Wonbeyan Caves;" (3) by Mr. W. Hedley, F.L.S., "On the Molluscs of Masthead Reef, Capricorn Group, Queensland;" (3) by Mr. R. J. Tillyard, B.A., "On New Australian Dragon Flies (Family Libellulidae);" and (4) by Dr. H. G. Chapman, "Note on the Cerebral Localisation in the Bandicoot (Perameles)."

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOMES FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The monthly meeting of the house committee (Thirlmere and Wentworth Falls) was held at the Q.V. Homes Office, Castlereagh-street, last week, Sir Philip Sydney Jones presiding. Accounts amounting to £482 16s 11d were passed for payment. The assistant resident medical officer's report at King's Tableland showed that there were 45 patients in residence. During the month 14 cases had been admitted and 13 discharged. Of the latter 8 cases left with the disease arrested, 3 were much improved, 1 improved, and 1 unimproved. Mr. Brodie, inspector-General of Charities, had visited and inspected the institution during the month. The medical superintendent's report (Thirlmere) showed that there were 32 patients in residence. During the month 10 patients had been admitted and 4 patients discharged. Of the latter 3 were improved and 1 unimproved. Mrs. Hugh Dixson and Sir Philip Sydney Jones had visited the home during the month. Mr. Frank Grimley was appointed visitor for September.

SCHOOL FEES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I cordially endorse what was said in "Waringa's" letter on the above subject, which appeared in your Wednesday's issue. I have had considerable experience of schools in this State, and have known a very large number of parents sending their children to those schools, and I never knew any who objected to pay the very small fee required for the excellent education which their children received. On the contrary, the great majority of parents wish to pay the fee, and strongly object to be made paupers by this free education bill.

As "Waringa" forcibly pointed out, the effect of such a bill, if carried into law, will be to make the community despise what they get for nothing, and will considerably increase truancy, an evil too prevalent already.

Besides which, why should the Government throw away £75,000 to £80,000 a year, which costs the State nothing for collection, and throw additional taxation upon the community to support education.

If they wish to lighten the burdens of the people, why not do away with the odious land and income tax, which costs more than 20 per cent. for its collection, and retain school fees, which nobody objects to, and cost nothing to collect?

The Legislative Council may still save us from this loss, for I have not observed that the bill has yet passed the Upper House, and earn the gratitude of the community by throwing it out. I am, etc.,

August 31. A FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

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SOUTH COAST MINES.

INSUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT HOPPERS.

COAL TRADE HANDICAPPED

The southern coal trade was heavily handicapped by the tempestuous weather prevailing on Thursday and Friday last. While the gale raged shipping at Wollongong, Port Kembla, and the various jetties was impossible, and managers were therefore compelled to discontinue work at the mines pending moderating conditions. Excepting South Bulli Colliery, the pay periods for Friday next compare unfavourably with recent experiences. The days worked by the different collieries were:—South Bulli 11 days, South Clifton 10½ days, Bellambi and North Bulli 9 days, Bulli about 8½ days, Mount Pleasant 8 days, Mount Kembla 7½ days, and Mount Keira 7 days.

Loss of time in several instances was directly due to the insufficient supply of Government hoppers by the Railway Commissioners. The inconvenience and loss of time entailed are aggravated by the Commissioners' go-as-you-please method of lifting the loaded wagons. As proving the inadequacy of the supply of hoppers, South Clifton Colliery (employing 300 hands) requires 80 to 90 hoppers daily, and was supplied on Wednesday last with only 45, resulting in the loss of half a day's work. Monday was lost to the North Bulli Colliery and Thursday to the Broken Hill Proprietary coke works for the want of hoppers. On Monday North Bulli Colliery required 35 hoppers, and was supplied with 15; on Tuesday, with 20 for 40 ordered; Wednesday, with 15 for 40 ordered; Thursday, with 20 for 50 ordered. It is asserted, and with apparent good cause, that the Railway Commissioners are not awake to the development of the South Coast coal trade.

Four new boilers, to replace those now in use and to provide additional haulage, have been received by the Mount Keira Colliery. One is being placed in position in the workshops at the foot of the incline, and the other three are to be installed at the pit's mouth. The heavy seas at Wollongong preventing shipping operations and rain in Sydney interfering with the unloading of steamers resulted in the colliery losing three days last week. The time for next pay will therefore be for seven days only.

At Mount Pleasant Colliery last week three days were employed on large coal and one on small, the pay thus contributed to the pay, which totals eight days. The suspension of shipping caused by the gale was responsible for the loss of time.

The jetty for deep-sea vessels at Port Kembla is still being repaired, and consequently closed to shipping. It is hoped that the work will be completed this week.

Some time ago wheelers at the Metropolitan Colliery approached the manager with a view to obtaining a uniform rate of wages of 7s 6d. The full increase was granted in several instances, but the manager could not see his way clear to give the increase a general application. This question formed the chief business considered at a meeting of the Helensburgh Lodge on Thursday night. It was decided to withdraw the original request for a uniform rate, and a deputation was again appointed to interview Mr. Robertson in order to have each case considered on its individual merits.

Last week a deputation from the South Bulli Lodge interviewed the mine manager, Mr. A. Miller, with reference to extra payment for working in deficient places, mentioned at a previous meeting. The manager stated that he could not make any allowances for two men. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Board of Conciliation. Subsequently, at the lodge meeting dissatisfaction was expressed at the system of payment of 2s per yard extra to men working in hard headings, who drove 6 yards in the fortnight. It was considered that the extra payment of 2s per yard should be made, irrespective of the number of yards driven, as differences existed in the condition of the places. It was contended that some headings may develop a full fortnight, with the full height of the seam to work on; others, through the intrusion of rolls, which cause the seam to be reduced, in height, enables men engaged in such places to have less coal to work on, and, therefore, time to drive a further distance than the men with a full height of coal.

At Friday night's meeting of South Bulli Lodge the following officers were elected:—President, J. Muir; secretary, A. Waugh; treasurer, J. Roland; delegate, S. Graham; check weighmen, J. T. Sweeney and T. Williams; deputy check weighmen, M. Holand and J. Lewis; auditors, J. Newton and J. Gowen; scrutineers, J. Lewis and J. Gowen; new members to the committee, J. Metcalfe and D. Hinton.

South Bulli colliery established for the fourth consecutive week full time. The total output was handled at the Bellambi Jetty, in addition to a large consignment of Corrimal coal. The shipments were shared between interstate vessels and the company's fleet of steamers. The heavy seas considerably hampered shipping operations, necessitating Bellambi colliery losing two days. Slack heaps continue to increase on the Bellambi Jetty, and there is now upwards of 10,000 tons.

Although the North Bulli Company had sufficient water for another month or so, the late heavy rains were very welcome. Work at the colliery for next Friday will be for ten days, which includes some broken time, and equals about nine days' full time. The loss of supply of hoppers by the Railway Department. Nine new coke ovens were started during the week, totalling now 33 in active work. The remaining ovens are being heated, and will be put in full blast as soon as possible.

Adverse weather conditions accounted for only two and a half days' work last week at Mount Kembla colliery, making 7¼ days for the pay. Trade orders were as brisk as usual, but inability to load at Port Kembla led to stagnation. The steamer Corio after waiting two days at Port Kembla was ordered to proceed to Newcastle. To-day the Colac is expected, with the moderated conditions, to load 1800 tons at Port Kembla, and the Glaucus 1850 tons. Both cargoes are for Melbourne.

The long spell of dry weather has necessitated at the Bulli Colliery the sending of tanks of water from below the coke works to to the mine. The welcome rain last week, however, has now furnished a good supply of water in the creek near the pit. The pay period is expected to close for about 8½ days. Heavy seas inconvenienced shipping at the company's jetty a quarter day on Wednesday, and the whole of Thursday and Friday. Unbroken time was established at the coke works.

The output at South Clifton Colliery demands the use of 80 to 90 Government hoppers daily. While generally the supply is insufficient, on Wednesday only 45 were available. As a result half a day's work was lost, making 10½ days for the pay. The coal trade is brisk, and the steamer Auchenblae is still receiving her large cargo at Pyrmont. Shipping orders are in hand for this week which will keep all hands busily employed. The demand for coke last week was on a medium basis.

The want of Government hoppers at the Broken Hill Proprietary coke works on Thursday last prevented the men from working. Excepting this interruption, full time was recorded for the week.

I am, etc.,

The Senate, Melbourne, Aug. 30. E. D. MILLEN.

THE LIQUOR TRADE AND VESTED INTERESTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It must have been to an extent rather amusing to the public of New South Wales, should their memory and interest carry them back so far, to have wondered why the Hon. the Attorney-General during the stormy passage of the Liquor Bill through Parliament considered there was no vested interest in a license or licensed property, yet during the debate on the Gaming and Betting Act Amending Bill the other night stated that there were vested interests in connection with racecourses.

Betting hitherto has not been legalised by any government, the liquor trade has. Little more need be said for the simple reason that the Attorney-General's acrobatic performances must be manifest to the general public.

Whilst on the subject of liquor, one can but incidentally refer to a notification in the public press that Mr. Bruntnell, M.L.A., was conducting church services and lecturing on temperance in country districts. It is presumed by the taxpayer that the Government railway pass was used in connection with his visits to the country, and a consequent saving in travelling expenses resulted. An anomaly in the Liquor Act cropped up very suddenly this afternoon, when, speaking to a voter of North Sydney, he informed me that the drastic provisions of the Liquor Act in regard to the closing of hotels on election days did not trouble him or his friends, as already they had made up their minds to get whatever they required from the grocer holding a wine and spirit merchant's license. It would simply mean a "Kentucky" of a few men to purchase a dozen of beer and drink it even in front of the polling booth. I am, etc.,

JOHN ASHTON,

General Secretary United Licensed Victuallers' Association of N.S.W.

Aug. 30.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

VANDALISM AT NORWOOD.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

The police have discovered that the vandalism at Norwood was the work of an elderly spinster, who for some time has been regarded as irresponsible for her actions. She is known to have taken umbrage at the removal of certain old gum trees which were on the ground. In the circumstances her family have undertaken to make every possible reparation, and where required to supply new trees to replace those which were destroyed.

EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The Minister of Education, Mr. Price, in the course of an address at Blumberg on Friday, indicated that the Ministry contemplated an alteration in the education system. As an instalment for secondary schools, it was proposed to establish in the city one school where only the sixth class would be taught, and Ministers had decided in country parts to have central schools established. Further in the country the Government proposed to provide to assist parents to cover the cost of sending children long distances to these schools.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES.

LITHGOW, Saturday.

The coal trade continues brisk. The whole of the collieries are working at high pressure. At the Brownsfield Pottery two new machines have been installed. At the ironworks there is great briskness in every department, numerous orders coming to hand. The last column completing the set for the blast furnace was cast at the iron foundry on Thursday, making ten columns in all, each weighing seven tons. A large shipment of material for the blast furnace, including a modern blowing engine, is now being landed from the White Star liner Suevic. Owing to two of the massive castings being larger than the ordinary railway truck can carry within the recognised loading gauge special arrangements have had to be made with the Railway Department for altering trucks to carry the castings to Eskbank. They are each 12ft in diameter, and weigh nine tons, and are parts of the blowing cylinder. Unfortunately the wet weather of the last few days entirely stopped outdoor work on the blast furnace. This delay gives the firm much anxiety, as they have not too much time in which to complete the furnaces before the date for beginning the contract. At the same time Mr. Sandford recognises that the rain will do an immense amount of good to the country, and hopes to be able to pull up lost time when the days lengthen.

SOUTH MAITLAND COALFIELDS.

THE "DOG-WATCH" COMMITTEE.

KURRI KURRI, Saturday.

The "dog-watch" committee met here to-day. Delegates from various lodges gave reports concerning the number of notices handed in at different collieries of the miners' intention not to work the dogwatch. At Pelaw-Main all the employees handed in notices excepting four shiftmen. At Heddon Greta all the notices were given in with the exception of two or three shiftmen. At Aberdare all the notices were handed in excepting in respect of four shiftmen. At East Greta all the notices were handed in. At Stanford-Merthyr all the notices; Hebburn, all excepting few shiftmen; Abermain, all the notices, including shiftmen. The following resolution was carried by the committee:—"That we recommend to the various lodges, and advise them to adhere to the former resolution re notices." By this resolution the "dogwatch" committee refuses to endorse the recommendation of the committee of management of the Colliery Employees' Federation that the notices be extended another fortnight. Accordingly, if the lodges endorse the action of the "dogwatch" committee, the proprietors will have practically received an ultimatum.

"SOCIALISM IN OUR TIME."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Speaking at Warrnambool a few days ago, the Federal Attorney-General, Mr. Isaacs, sought to show that the issue of socialism was a mere bogey, "born of desperation, fostered by falsehood, and must inevitably perish as soon as it was exposed to the open air of truth." And he sought to put it more rhetoric by saying, "It was said that the policy of the Commonwealth Labour party was to nationalise all industry; but there was no power whatever in the Constitution to nationalise the smallest industry in the world. All the talk about nationalisation was therefore unfounded."

By these and similar assurances Mr. Isaacs sought to allay the growing fear of socialism, and to hide the simple fact that from being the dream of an isolated few, "socialism in our time" has become the immediate objective of the large and well-organised Labour party.

Mr. Isaacs may be literally correct in saying there is no power in the Constitution to nationalise industries, but he must be aware of the fact—which he carefully suppresses—that in his absence his colleagues have already taken the proper constitutional steps to remove the difficulty standing between them and their goal.

Resolutions have frequently been put forward in both Houses of the Federal Parliament demanding the nationalisation of particular industries, and in the case of the Government of which Mr. Isaacs is a member appointed a Royal Commission to inquire, inter alia, into the advisability or otherwise of nationalising the tobacco industry. Largely, on the strength of that inquiry, carried on under the auspices of Mr. Deakin, Senator Pearce has introduced, and the Senate has already passed the first reading of, a bill to legalise nationalisation. In moving the second reading, Senator Pearce, with a candour I commend to the attention of the Attorney-General, stated that the bill was ordered to proceed to Newcastle. To-day the Colac is expected, with the moderated conditions, to load 1800 tons at Port Kembla, and the Glaucus 1850 tons. Both cargoes are for Melbourne.

The long spell of dry weather has necessitated at the Bulli Colliery the sending of tanks of water from below the coke works to to the mine. The welcome rain last week, however, has now furnished a good supply of water in the creek near the pit. The pay period is expected to close for about 8½ days. Heavy seas inconvenienced shipping at the company's jetty a quarter day on Wednesday, and the whole of Thursday and Friday. Unbroken time was established at the coke works.

The output at South Clifton Colliery demands the use of 80 to 90 Government hoppers daily. While generally the supply is insufficient, on Wednesday only 45 were available. As a result half a day's work was lost, making 10½ days for the pay. The coal trade is brisk, and the steamer Auchenblae is still receiving her large cargo at Pyrmont. Shipping orders are in hand for this week which will keep all hands busily employed. The demand for coke last week was on a medium basis.

The want of Government hoppers at the Broken Hill Proprietary coke works on Thursday last prevented the men from working. Excepting this interruption, full time was recorded for the week.

I am, etc.,

The Senate, Melbourne, Aug. 30. E. D. MILLEN.

QUEANBEYAN TROUT AND TOURISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read with much interest in your issue of the 23rd inst. "Piscator's" contribution re trout-fishing in the Queanbeyan district, and fully endorse what he says in respect to the opportunities this locality affords as a tourist resort.

As a field for sport, the Goodradigbee country (the neighbourhood of Brindabella (the most easily accessible spot on the stream), is perhaps the best within easy reach of Sydney, and for miles up and down the river the sportsman, be he armed with gun, rifle, or fishing gear, is perfectly certain to get all the game his heart can desire. Kangaroos, wallaroos, foxes, hares, quail, plover, wood-duck, black-duck, snipe, etc., are abundant, each being well provided with suitable habitat on the flats and wooded ridges adjacent to the river.

As regards the fishing, it would be impossible to speak in too glowing terms of the sport obtainable in the rapids and reaches of the sparkling Goodradigbee. Every yard of water seems to contain a trout, the average of which as far as my personal experience goes is about 1lb, and the way they fight baffles description. I may mention that the Goodradigbee at Brindabella gave me my first experience in fly-fishing, but despite this fact, my captures during the ten days' stay numbered about 100 trout, hardly any of which were under size.

"Piscator," I notice, alludes to the "camping spot," viz., Burbong, on the Molongle River, a few miles this side of Queanbeyan, which is referred to in the railway trout-fishing guide as a splendid spot for trout, and like him, I was misled at no small expense into making the trip early in the present year, only to find that I had wasted my time and to be laughed at by the residents for my disappointment. There is no indication of the presence of trout in the Molongle at Burbong, and I wish to give my evidence in support of "Piscator's" with the object of warning fishermen against going there in this quest, although other game is fairly plentiful, both up and down the river. I am, etc.,

Aug. 30. GOVERNOR.

NEWCASTLE.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

The Hospital Saturday collections were taken up in the city yesterday. An army of lady workers had stands in various parts of the town, and they displayed great energy in forcing the claims of the hospital under the notice of the citizens, with the result that they succeeded in collecting £237, as against £212 gathered last year. The result was considered very gratifying, more especially as several donations have yet to come in, and the Government subsidy has to be added.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

On Saturday the following vessels cleared at the Custom-house:—Corio, s, for Adelaide, with 1720 tons of coal; Sydney, s, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2000 tons of coal; Suva, s, for Suva, via Sydney, with 700 tons of bunker coal; Tarcoola, s, for Fremantle, via Albany, with 4100 tons of coal and 55 tons of coke; Century, s, for Adelaide, via Sydney, with 4750 tons of coal; Chillagoe, s, for Melbourne, with 1900 tons coal.

REVENUE FOR AUGUST.

The total revenue collected at the port of Newcastle during the month of August last amounted to £16,014 1s 4d, made up as follows:—Pilotage, £1434 10s 1d; harbour and light dues, £1134 19s 4d; removals, £875; ad valorem duties, £1695 17s 2d; duty and excise, £10,837 14s 8d; miscellaneous, £36 0s 2d.

LUNG TROUBLES AT KALGOORLIE.

MANY MINERS VICTIMS.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Sunday.

Interviewed to-day, Dr. Duncan Turner, an authority on chest complaints, stated that he has in the course of his practice here discovered that lung fibrous, or cirrhous, is increasingly prevalent on these fields. Dr. Turner stated that he has examined a large number of mine employees with a result somewhat alarming. Many of the men are suffering from this type of lung complaint, and in no instance had any of the victims been working for more than six years in the local mines. The cause of the affection Dr. Turner added, was the inhalation of dust particles in the local atmosphere. Hundreds of men and women walking about with lungs apparently in an unaffected condition would be grievously offended if told there was anything wrong with them. The complaint had the very opposite effect to tuberculosis, by which disease the lungs were softened by the production of cavities, whereas the cirrhous affection hardens and restricts the breathing space. Dr. Turner concluded that the expression of opinion that the matter was of sufficiently serious moment to warrant action by the State to end or check the increase and prevalence of the trouble, rather than leave the matter to private enterprise.

COMMERCIAL AGENT TO THE EAST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The letter of "Doubtful" in to-day's "Herald" has no doubt proved interesting reading to many merchants and manufacturers in Sydney. It is no idle assertion to state that the results obtained by our Commercial Agent in the East have not reached the anticipation of the commercial community, and most of them now recognise that it is impossible for Mr. Suttor, or any other person, to represent in a proper manner the commercial interests of New South Wales.

It is true that our exports to the East have increased during the past two years, but in no way can this increase be attributed to the work done by Mr. Suttor. The increase was solely due to the fact that owing to good seasons we had a surplus of grain and flour to hand, and being in a position to sell as cheap, if not cheaper, than Canada or America, we obtained the trade. Before the drought New South Wales had an excellent trade in wheat and flour with the East, and will continue to enjoy this trade just as long as we have a surplus to sell. In manufactured goods we cannot hope to compete with the cheap productions of America and Europe, so that the mission of the Commercial Agent can only be regarded as hopeless.

Inquiry amongst the leading Sydney firms doing business with the East will invariably elicit the information that business has not increased in any way, but that competition for the business has been increased, thereby decreasing net profits, through the methods employed by the Commercial Agent. It has been stated that the reason for the recent increases are granted to the Commercial Agent is because he has a certain social position to maintain. To anyone who has been in the East this is ridiculous. A business man does not send a representative to the East to become a social success, but, on the contrary, to hustle for business, and I consider that Mr. Agent undoubtedly can fill the position from a social standpoint, but is it not asking a bit too much of the already overtaxed community to pay a man to represent us socially? From a business standpoint the scheme is wholly unworkable.

Your recent articles upon the subject of trade with the East have been written with a view of impressing upon the business community the importance of watching and endeavouring to capture this growing trade; for you associated day in and day out with merchants and manufacturers you would find plenty of evidence proving that no stone is being left unturned to increase our trade in this section of the world. New South Wales business men are not slow to grasp opportunities which are brought under their notice every day, and are enterprising enough to send able representatives to the East to look after their individual interests.

No other country has considered it necessary to send Commercial Agents to the East, so that the appointment of Mr. Suttor or anyone else in the position, from the standpoint of precedent, is wholly unjustified. We would do well to emulate the example shown us by the American Government, who believe in allowing private enterprise to develop their business, which is also the policy pursued by England and Germany. I am, etc.,

MANUFACTURER.

LODGE DOCTORS AND THE B.M.A.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I crave a small corner of your valuable columns to draw attention to a matter which seems to exercise the minds of many of my brother-lodgemen, and only lately referred from a trip to Sydney. Lately signs of mental disturbance were noticeable. He appeared during the day, and search being made her body was found some distance from the homestead. A gun which had been missed from the house was discovered near by. Deceased's skull was shattered.

At the inquest yesterday a verdict was returned to the effect that deceased died from a gunshot wound, but there was no evidence to show how it was received.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

A miner named Michael Hoolihan, aged 67 years, was killed on Thursday in a mine at Charters Towers. The deceased stepped off a cage on to a plat. By some means he missed his footing, and rolled down an underlie shaft, and was killed instantaneously.

CARGO, Saturday.

A son of Mr. J. Baker, Bowan Park, aged about 6, has been taken to the Orange Hospital, suffering severely from burns, received from standing in front of a fire, having on a flannelette night-dress, which became ignited.

KANGAROO VALLEY, Saturday.

Ray, son of Mr. A. Gilroy, Kangaroo River, was opening slip-rails to remove a horse, when the animal kicked the boy in the face, breaking the teeth of the upper jaw, and inflicting a gash two inches long.

MURWILLUMBAH, Saturday.

The Coroner, Mr. Arnott, on Saturday held an inquest at Tyalgum into the death of John Marks. Dr. Goldsmid, who made a post mortem examination of the body, stated that death resulted from hemorrhage on the brain. A verdict in accordance therewith was returned.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A recent report published in the "Herald" from the Railway Commissioners refers to railway rates and fares and country requirements. This appears to be obviously inaccurate and misleading. Excursion trains are said to be run at the special low rate of 2d per mile first-class and 1d per mile second-class. In no instance have I ever known these trains to be run at the stated reduction, 2d per mile first-class and 1d per mile second-class being the ruling charge, which is a considerable difference. We are told further that a series of cheap trains were run last summer for the benefit of those in hot climates visiting the coast for a change, whereas only one series of cheap trains was run during the month of December, and as there are from three to four hot months during the summer one cheap train during the middle of December is certainly inadequate. I am, etc.,

COUNTRY RESIDENT.

Gunnedah, Aug. 30.

BREAK UP YOUR COLDS. Chills, and simple fevers with Stanford's Ginger. Always best and healthful.—Advt.

CASUALTIES.

SUSPICIOUS DEATHS.

A report has been furnished to the City Coroner concerning the death under suspicious circumstances of a woman named Annie O'Keefe, a domestic servant, lately employed at Kensington. The police were informed on Saturday that the body was lying at a house in Elizabeth-street, Strawberry Hills, and upon investigating the circumstances found that the woman had been dead for about half an hour. Sergeant Bowler and Senior-constables Pauling and Leary, who were in charge of the case, have made an arrest.

At the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, yesterday morning, a married woman, named Amy Debecke, died under suspicious circumstances. Before death the deceased, who lately resided in Bourke-street, Surry Hills, made certain statements, and as a result a man and woman have been arrested in connection with the affair.

REVOLVER ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon a little boy of eight years of age, named Thomas Francis Murphy, who resides with his parents in Abercrombie-street, Redfern, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital suffering from the effects of a bullet wound in the back. It is alleged that he received the injury while playing at "bush-rangers" on a vacant piece of land off Meagher-street, Chippendale. Subsequently a youth, named John Doherty, was arrested and charged with shooting Murphy with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The weapon with which the shot was fired was a small toy affair, taking a No. 1 pea rifle cap. Murphy's wound is not considered dangerous.

DEATH FROM BURNS.

On August 18 a married woman, named Ellen Maroney, was admitted to the Marrickville Cottage Hospital, suffering from burns about the legs and body. These she received through her clothes catching fire while she was washing. Yesterday she succumbed to her injuries.

A JUMPING ACCIDENT.

Yesterday morning a horse trainer, named David M'Kinnon, while schooling a horse for Mr. Terry at Eastwood, was carried against a hurdle, and had his right leg broken. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Brigade, and admitted for treatment.

FOUND DEAD.

On Saturday night a man was found lying in the back premises of a Pitt-street hotel, and upon removal to the Sydney Hospital life was pronounced extinct. The deceased was about 40 years of age. Letters were found in his possession from Northampton, England, from a sister, signed Kitty True or Trew. The body has not yet been identified.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.

BATHURST, Sunday.

A determined case of suicide occurred last night. A young man, J. A. Gamack, shot himself through the head, and died immediately. Gamack was boarding since June at the Railway Hotel, and came from Sydney for the benefit of his health. Efforts in search of work were unsuccessful, and latterly he was worried over his inability to meet his liabilities. In a pocket of the clothes worn by the deceased a letter was found unaddressed and undated, stating, in part, "I am simply sick and tired of this life. Everything seems to go against me." It is understood the deceased was well connected in Sydney. While in Bathurst he conducted himself well, and sought ineffectively to find employment. He occasionally received money from friends.

STRANGE DEATH OF A SETTLER.

MURWILLUMBAH, Saturday.

Mr. J. J. M. Marks, an old and well-known resident of the Tweed, died last night. It appears he was out in the field brushing at Tyalgum. About lunch time he was found lying on the ground unconscious with a brush-hook in his right hand. He was taken home, but before the doctor and his relatives could arrive from Murwillumbah he expired. Several theories have been advanced as to the cause of death, one being a snake-bite, another the bursting of a blood-vessel on the brain. He was a strong healthy man, about 45 years of age, and had resided on the Tweed for about 36 years. Originally he came from the South Coast. He took a prominent part in all public affairs. A post-mortem examination will be held.

DRIVING FATALITY.

WAGGA, Friday.

An inquiry was held on Friday afternoon concerning the death of Mr. Elwood M'Niven, manager of Ballymoran station. On Tuesday evening, deceased was returning home in a sulky with one of the station employees named Quirk. When crossing a bush track, about 9 p.m., the vehicle struck a stump, and the two men were thrown out. Quirk found Mr. M'Niven stunned, and after getting assistance, took him to the homestead where he remained unconscious. Dr. Leahy was called from Wagga, and ordered the patient's removal to Belmore Private Hospital, Wagga, where he died on Thursday night. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

FEEBLE ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

At the police court on Friday, Ambrose Launcelot Macdona, a young man, fresh out from England, was committed for trial on a charge of having attempted to commit suicide. On Wednesday he walked into the saloon bar of the Sturt Arcade Hotel, and told the barmaid she was to fake a cigarette in his mouth, and then shot himself in the cheek with a revolver. He was not seriously hurt, but told the constable that he had meant to shoot at the jugular vein.

A SERIOUS COLLISION.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

On Wednesday evening a collision occurred on Point Nepean-road between two vehicles. Mr. W. M'Lure, the occupant of one vehicle, was badly injured, and died this afternoon. Mr. W. Green, another victim, is in a serious state.

A WOMAN FOUND SHOT.

LAUNCESTON (Tas.), Sunday.

On Friday night Mrs. Paton, daughter of Mr. James Viney, of Westwood, near Hagley, was found shot. She had been in extremely bad health for some time, and only lately returned from a trip to Sydney. Lately signs of mental disturbance were noticeable. She appeared during the day, and search being made her body was found some distance from the homestead. A gun which had been missed from the house was discovered near by. Deceased's skull was shattered.

A WET DAY AT SCHOOL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would suggest, on a rainy day such as we had on the 30th ult., that children attending school should continue their lesson till 2 o'clock, as in former days, and then to have the half-holiday, so that they would not require to go back in all the wet. I have three attending school, and I was obliged to change all their boots and stockings. Some poor people might not have the change, and the poor child would have to return to school, and sit all the afternoon in wet clothes. I am sure, from cold all sickness arises, and we should try and prevent sickness as much as possible. I think all mothers will agree with this letter. Thanking you for your time and space. I am, etc.,

A MOTHER.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Sept. 1.

Guthrie, s, 2338 tons, Captain Todd, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., agents.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Anglo-Canadian, s, 4230 tons, Captain Swan, from Newcastle. J. M. Paxton and Co., agents.

Kyogle, s, 762 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Commonwealth, s, 6611 tons, Captain Thomas, from London. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, agents.

Tomki, s, 501 tons, Captain J. Archer, from Richmond River. Northe Coast S.N. Co., Limited, agents.

St. George, s, 1221 tons, Captain H. Wood, from Richmond River, via Newcastle. North Coast S.N. Co., Limited, agents.

Bowdley, s, 3811 tons, Captain Forsyth, from Singapore, via Newcastle. W. Scott Fell and Co., agents.

Suva, s, 2229 tons, Captain G. T.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Only two sales were effected on 'Change on Saturday, these being at late rates. For North Coast Steam, old, buyers offered 1½d less, for East Greta Coal 3d less, and for Richardson and Wrench 3d more.

The following sales were reported:—Early: Australian Gaslight, £19 5s. On 'Change: Australian Gaslight, £19 5s.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares	Share Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor
	£	£	£		£	£	£	
GOVT. STOCK								
N.S.W. 3½								p.c.
due 1912**	4,006,709	...	...	3	88	87½	88	3½
Do., due 1912**	1,250,170	...	...	3½	100½	99½	99½	3½
Do., due 1912**	2,249,350	...	...	4	100	101½	—	3½
Do., due 1924-55**	...	...	...	3	90½	90	...	...
Do., due 1915**	830,189	...	...	3½	100	99	...	3½
Do., Act 1873	...	...	...	4	107	107	...	3½
Do., 4 p.c. due 1917	860,000	...	...	4	100½	100	...	4
Do., Deb. 1906	...	...	...	4	...	100	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,109,700	...	...	3½	100	99	...	...
Do., 1908	903,050	...	...	4	103½	103	103½	3½
Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	103½	101	...	3½
N.Z. Do., 1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Queensl. Deb., 1915	530,000	...	...	4	99½	101	...	3½
Do., Tr. Bills	...	...	...	4	102	102½	...	3½
W.A. Inscr. Stock	200,000	...	...	4	101½	101	...	3½
Victn. Gas Deb.	...	...	...	4	102½	101	...	...
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	102	102	...	...
Do., 1926	700,000	...	...	4	102	102½	103½	3½
Co. Sydney D., 1914	...	...	...	5	108	107	...	4½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,528	8½	1					
Aust'asia	1,000,000	40	40	12	85	83	100	...
City	240,000	10	8	2½	70½	...	70½	3½
New Zeal. Commercial	160,000	10	8	2½	65½	63½	67½	3½
of Aust.	94,986	10	10	...	9s6	15½	16½	...
Intrn. prof.	2,117,299	10	10	3	6½	6½	...	4½
Intrn. pref.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	20½	20½	...	4½
Com. Syd.	1,197,440	5	4	40 per cent.	65½	...	66	...
N. of Aust.	305,780	10	10	5	11½	11½	...	4½
Intrn. pref.	2,000,000	20	20	10	47½	47½	...	4½
N.S.W.	427,310	6½	6½	8	6½	6½	...	4½
N. Zealand	100,000	7	7	2½	13½	20½	...	4½
N. Queensl'd	413,063	8	8	...	15½	...	16½	...
Q'land Nat.	437,616	8	8	8½	90 net	...	91½	4½
Roy'l of Q.	1,000,000	25	25	10	99	98½	99½	4½
Union**	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Rs.	...	...	...	2	19½	19½	...	5½
Class A*	...	...	...	2	17½	17½	18½	5½
Class B*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Class B, 1907*	...	...	...	...	12½	11½	12½	...
Fin. Insh.	788,033	...	...	3½	11½	11½	11½	6½
Com. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assets**	3,334,903	...	...	8	14½	13½	...	4
E.S.A. Insc.	889,419	...	...	3	13½	13½	...	4
pref.	898,738	...	...	4	18½	18½	...	4½
Do., def.	983,547	...	...	4	19½	19½	...	4½
Fin. Insh.	3,116,627	...	...	4	16½	16½	...	4½
STEAM.								
Pal. Ferry	80,000	1	1	10	41½	40½	...	4½
Illawarra	49,797	1	1	7	23½	22½	...	6½
Howe'n Smith	250,000	25	20	10	81½	81½	...	3½
do. paid	...	...	...	...	20½	20½	...	4½
Do., 5 p.c.	...	...	20	5	21½	90½	27½	4½
Ditto, pref.	100,000	1	1	5	...	8½	8½	...
Ditto, 6 p.c. paid	181,250	1	17½	6	25½	24½	25½	3½
Newcastle	...	...	17½	4	24½	24½	25½	4½
Nor. Coast	...	...	17½	4	24½	24½	25½	4½
New Zeal.	140,000	1	1	7½	23½	23½	24½	6½
Pac. Ins.	25,000	25	25	10	61½	60½	62½	4½
Ditto def.	6,743	1	1	5	26½	...	...	...
INSURANCE								
A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12½	14½	43½	43½	45½	4½
Mer. Mut.	40,000	1	10	2	18½	18½	20½	4½
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	77½	78½	80½	4½
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10	8	15½	15½	16½	4½
United	98,400	...	20	12½	...	30½	...	4½
U. Mut. Fire	100,000	...	20	12½	...	69½	...	4½
COAL.								
Bellambi	178,000	1	1	15	43½	44½	47½	6½
East Greta	121,853	1	1	5	22½	21½	23½	4½
Ditto New	...	...	...	4	23½	...	23½	4½
Hell'n Bells	42,250	1	1	...	...	...	1½	...
Hetton	125,685	5	5	6	20½	20	40½	15½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	...	...	...	1½	...
Wallsend	95,631	1	16	4	4½	4½	5½	4½
New	1	1	1	4	1	...	1½	...
W. of C'dd	30,000	1	1	10	97½	25½	...	3½
Waratah	40,000	10	4	4	24½	24½	...	4½
Wickham & Bullock Is.	163,077	1	1	...	2½	2½	2½	...
New	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...
Preferential	...	...	1	20	...	6½	6½	9½
North Bulli	100,000	...	20	...	12 per cent.	12½	14½	6
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	17½	10	20½	20½	...	4½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	19½	19½	19½	4½
Ditto New	...	6	3	15	11½	11½	11½	...
Chas. Towers	20,000	10	10	10	14½	13½	15½	6½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	16	57½	56½	58½	5½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	30½	30½	...	...
Maitland	13,500	5	5	7	...	6½	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	8½	8½	...	...
Ditto New	7,500	1	15	8	15½	25½	27½	4½
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	20½	21½	...	4½
Newcastle	45,000	1	2	15	42½	42½	...	4½
Nth. Shore	128,000	1	1	7½	40½	41½	42½	3½
Ditto New	25,000	1	1	7½	21½	22½	...	4½
BREWERIES								
Australian	48,000	10	10	...	2½	...	1½	...
Cent. Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dent.	250,000	1	1	4	11½	11½	12½	7½
Perkins	100,000	1	1½	25½	24½	24½	26½	6½
Tooheys	300,000	1	1	8	12½	12½	13½	6½
Tooth's	930,000	1	1	8	31½	31½	32½	6½
MISCELL'S.								
Aerated	17,500	15	10	5	2½	6½	2½	...
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	10½	10½	...	...
B.H.W. Sup.	286,000	1	1	8	22½	22½	23½	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	32½	32½	...	...
Dye Insce.	35,000	1	10	8	16½	16½	...	...
Hrn. & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19½	22½	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	22½	23½	...
Col. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	41½	41½	42½	4½
Elder's & Co.	1,200,000	20	5	6	8/10/	8/	8/2	6½
Dunlop Pn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19½	23½	...	6½
Emu B'mtl.	...	...	...	...	4/10½	5/	...	...
Emu & Pros.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gravel	27,200	1	16	7	7/	5/4	5/6	16
Mel. Trms.	400,000	10	10	12½	Dys 20/6	20/6	...	...
M. de Piste	74,919	1	1	6	40½	40½	41½	...
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	6	16½	15½	16½	...
Do., pref.	40,801	1	1	6	21½	21½	...	...
N. Food Ins.	1,780,12	10	7	7	13½	14½	15½	4½
Shale & Oil	80,000	17	...	...	1/	1½	1/4	...
New York	15,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Tern. Trust.	25,020	5	2½	10	5/5	5/4	5/6	4½
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	12½	12½	13½	...
Richardson & Wrench	63,000	1	1	5	14½	14½	...	...
Sly. Trams.	197,856	1	1	30	32½ net	34½	35½	6½
Syd. Exch.	100,000	10	10	10	19½	19½	...	...
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	10	10	30½	29½	30½	6½
Ditto Hyd. A	87,500	1	10	10	19½	19½	20½	6
G.F.	13,000	1	10	15	21½	25½	...	6½
Vel. Land'Or.	...	...	...	...	1½	...	...	...
Waratah	...	...	...	...	1½	...	...	...
Watt & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	34½	33½	...	6½
T. M. Hall	6,000	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,700	...	20	...	...	...	18½	...
Hotel Metropole	75,000	...	20	6	...	16½	...	...
Ditto, pref	15,907	...	20	6	...	20½	...	6
LAND & ES.								
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,530	20	...	6	19	18½	...	6½
Inters. Inves.	37,885	...	15/	10	22/6	20/	...	6½
News. B. & L.	...	...	...	6	19½	...	...	...
Syd. Free L.	17,848	...	7	...	3/6	3/3	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡ Call paid. ‡‡ Ex returned capital. ‡‡‡

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

To-day's quotations were:—Adelaide Steamship, b £7 17s, s £7 18s.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland Trustee, 6s; Queensland National Bank, b 16s 4d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, s £101.

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

To-day's Exchange rates were:—Metropolitan Gas, £10 9s, £10 5s; Emu Bay Railway, 5s 9d; Melbourne Steam, 31s 3d.

FINANCIAL.

AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND TRADE LAST YEAR.

As throwing some light upon the subject of reciprocity we have compiled the following table showing the trade between the Commonwealth and New Zealand for 1905 in each of the lines affected by the proposed tariff alterations. The result follows:—

	Imports from N. Zealand.	Exports to N. Zealand.
Aerated and mineral waters	406	£279
Butter	23,092	21
Cheese	4,429	19
Eggs	21	472
Fish (fresh)	3,566	27
Apples	15	13,020
Raisins	72	—
Barley	5,604	371
Beans and peas	5,973	987
Maize	60	307
Oats	45,445	6,387
Wheat	1	34
Oatmeal	74	292
Wheatmeal		
Rolled oats		
Hay and chaff	129	474
Hops	18,518	706
Linseed	585	—
Ditto meal	—	—
Malt	332	2
Milk, pres.	11,904	127
Kerosene	—	425
Onions	2,625	7,050
Potatoes	11	14,852
Soap	62	18,689
Sugar	7	7,047
Timber: Undressed, in sizes of less than 12in x 6in (or its equivalent)	98	96,592
Ditto: Undressed, in sizes of 12in x 6in (or its equivalent) and over	—	8,776
Laths	—	1,905
Palings	—	4,048
Shingles	—	41
Logs	—	3,304
New Zealand pine	329,081	8,856
Wine	208	2,165

A.M.P. EXTENSION.

The A.M.P. Society has just opened new premises of a somewhat elaborate character at the corner of Collins and William streets, Melbourne, on the site of the first house which John Batman erected in the southern capital. It is of interest to note that the society issued its first policy in Sydney in February, 1848, 10 years before the site in Melbourne had been selected, and while the territory now known as Victoria still formed part of New South Wales. Almost from the beginning the society was represented locally by an agent, but progress was slow for many years, and in 1863 the total business in force amounted to only 215 policies. It was in this year that the Victoria branch was established. From this time onward the progress has been much more rapid, one effect of this being that there has been a continual tendency on the part of the society to outgrow its local houseroom. Today there are 56,669 policies in force in Victoria, the total sum assured being £14,358,825, and the premium revenue £485,389 annually.

N.S.W. CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

The Customs collections of the State continue to grow, there having so far this year been an increase of £237,820 over those of the corresponding portion of last year. The official returns for the period from January 1 to August 31 of the current and two preceding years compare as follow:—

	£
January-August, 1904	2,242,905
January-August, 1905	2,163,330
January-August, 1906	2,400,151

TOOHEY'S, LTD.

The half-yearly meeting of the above company was held at the Royal Exchange on Friday afternoon. The chairman, Mr. Henry Moses, M.L.C., presided, and resolutions adopting the directors' report and balance-sheet, declaring a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the reduced capital, was carried. The report showed a net profit of £12,128, which, together with £8268 brought forward, made £18,396 available for distribution. The board recommended a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, absorbing £10,000, leaving £8396 to be carried forward. The chief items in the balance-sheet compare with those of the preceding half-year as follow:—

	Half-year ended Jan. 31, 1906.	July 31, 1906.
Profit and Loss—	£	£
Net profit	12,020	12,128
Dividend per cent.	4	5
Amount of dividend	11,000	10,000
Off plant and mach'y	2,500	—
Forward	6,268	8,396
Assets—		
Plant, premises, etc.	455,866	282,129
Stocks	87,424	50,945
Sundry debtors	130,481	100,981
Cash	2,219	1,823
Liabilities—		
Capital paid	550,000	400,000
Sundry creditors	41,925	57,392
Reserve fund	11,000	—
Reserve against good-will	7,000	—

In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman said that at the previous meeting the reduction in capital had been foreshadowed, and the Equity Court had approved. The relief thus obtained had enabled them to increase the dividend. Owing to the stringent working of the liquor laws they had been obliged to enter into contracts for the rebuilding of two of the company's freehold properties and the partial rebuilding of seven others, at a total cost of £6700. Most of this expenditure has already been provided for in the writing-down scheme. They had entered into a contract for additions and alterations in the brewery which would lead to the effect of reducing expenses, and would help to maintain their present standard of high-quality beer. The approximate cost was £3000, which the directors proposed to pay out of profits, instead of adding to capital account. Mr. Sydney Edwards's seat was elected a director, and Messrs. H. D Vane and F. S. Willis were re-elected auditors.

STATE REVENUE RETURNS.

The State revenue increased £133,140 during August, making £297,346 for the first two months of the new financial year. The following comparison may be made:—

	August.	July-August.
1906-07	£855,378	£1,783,679
1904-05	871,550	1,664,169
1905-06	856,206	1,652,778
1906-07	1,029,218	1,950,023

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A joint meeting of the council of wine and spirit trade sections of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce will be held to-day in order to place their views on the spirit duties before certain Senators, who have been invited to be present.

The R.M.S. Macedonia sailed on Saturday for London with 20 boxes of sovereigns, valued at £100,000, shipped by the Queensland National Bank; 5 boxes of sovereigns, valued at £25,000, shipped by the Commercial Banking Company; and 3 boxes gold bullion, valued at £10,009, shipped by the Bank of New South Wales.

COMMERCIAL.

Business was quiet on Saturday. Quotations for several lines, such as Continental candles, condensed milk, American breakfast foods, English malt and hops, were somewhat irregular owing to the Federal Government's reciprocal trade proposals. Higher rates were ruled in a number of cases, the retailers being generally willing to understand that if the increased duties were not agreed to any difference would be credited.

EIGHT MONTHS' EXPORTS COMPARED.

The Customs returns of the principal articles of export from the port of Sydney during the first eight months of the present year compared with those for the corresponding period in 1905 as under. The exports during August are also given:—

	August.	Eight months, Jan. 1—Aug. 31,	
	1906.	1906.	1905.
Wool, bales	13,340	208,719	215,498
Skins, packages	3,882	23,518	12,253
Hides, bales	16,735	78,355	70,516
Tallow, casks	3,354	20,502	19,000
Tin ingots	10,756	64,101	52,519
Copper, ingots	173,582	1,078,740	1,068,068
Shale, tons	951	7,274	9,122
Leather, packages	917	6,197	5,102
Preserved meat, cases	5,615	35,510	49,498
Frozen mutton, carcases	75,975	530,354	222,875
Frozen beef, pieces	972	20,875	5,468
Hoofs and horns, cwts	1,021	6,299	4,798
Horns, No.	71,399	674,885	550,149
Hares and rabbits, pairs	692,107	4,405,212	*
Timber, super ft	1,854,881	17,088,735	17,043,104
Butter, boxes	7,630	228,053	200,304

* Figures not available.

Increases, remarkably satisfactory in a number of cases, are shown in all items with the exception of preserved meats, shale, and timber, where decreases are noted, but comparatively unimportant. Foreign mutton shipments are two and a half times greater; beef nearly four times heavier; in wool there is a big advance; and good ones in tallow, skins, leather, and tin ingots. The exports of hares and rabbits in August show a big falling-off compared with July, when 1,613,649 pairs were shipped, and June, with 1,120,579 pairs. For the first five months of the year the exports were 973,887 pairs. It is pleasing to learn by cable that, after shipping away nearly nine million rabbits and hares this year, the London market has an improving tendency.

FROZEN PRODUCE FOR THE EAST.

Mr. Levien, one of Victoria's Commercial Agents in the East, in a letter from Japan, dated August 8, urges the necessity of a more regular steamer service from Melbourne. If a regular weekly service was established by the four companies interested, with only a short stop in Sydney, it would materially increase the Victorian trade. The new cool stores at Yokohama would, he was informed, be ready to receive supplies by the middle of September. The syndicate owning them were negotiating with a Melbourne firm for shipments. The stores have a capacity of 1200 tons, and it is intended to experiment with all classes of frozen produce from Australia. The recently-established horse administration bureau, a department formed for the improvement of horses for industrial as well as military purposes, is sending an agent to purchase a stud in Hungary, to mix with the Australian horses in Japan. An agent is to come to Australia later.

The United States Commercial Agent at Vladivostock has reported that the Chinese Eastern Railway agents intend to aid the export of Siberian butter, bringing it to Vladivostock in refrigerator cars. It is proposed to market the butter in China, Japan, Indo-China, and the Philippines. The opinion Mr. Levien gathered in Vladivostock was that butter, meat, and flour export would be out of the question for two years unless the line was doubled, owing to the demand on the rolling-stock for the transportation of troops and Government stores. Merchants also state that this Siberian butter will not keep good for any length of time unless heavily salted, and this, added to its peculiar flavour, makes merchants who handle Australian butter doubtful if there will be any demand outside Russia for this Siberian article.

THE COMMONWEALTH EXPORT BRAND

Under the Commerce Act provision is made for placing upon goods exported from the Commonwealth a brand signifying that they have been approved for export. The Minister of Customs (Sir William Lyne) has approved of a design for this brand. It consists of a large six-pointed star enclosing a circle, round the rim of which appear the words, "Commonwealth of Australia," and within the circle are the words, "Approved for export." This brand will be placed on all packages and other coverings of goods exported from Australia which are contained in the schedule of the Commerce Act.

NEW YORK TRADE CONDITIONS.

Writing from New York on July 26, the Strong and Trowbridge Company state that there were more advances than reductions in terms for different lines, owing to manufacturers being busy. Staves showed an all-round advance. For turps the most attractive figure for some time was named, viz., Pine Tree, in tins and cases, at 3s 3½d per imp. gallon. Union brand salad oil was quoted in barrels at 2s per gallon; Iowa 12-gauge barb wire at £10 7s 8d per ton; galvanised wire, 6 to 9 gauge, at £8 10s 4d; varnished wire, 6 to 9 gauge, single or nested, 130 packages Ceylon up to £7; wire nails, loose in kegs, £8; rosin, G grade, at 19s 7d per 280lb, and N grade at 22s 6d; glucose, Buffalo, A £10 15s 7d, and H £10 6s 3d per ton; plaster, King's Windsor, large barrels 6s 3½d net, small barrels 5s 6d net.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was dull on Saturday. Sellers were quoting 3s 4½d to 3s 5d per bushel in the country and 3s 9d in the city, but buyers generally were standing off. Flour was unchanged at £7 15s for leading city brands and 5s less for inland mills. At Darling Harbour on Saturday 120 tons wheat and 150 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

Trade in the East.—Writing from Kobe to the Victorian Government on August 8, Mr. Levien, one of that State's commercial agents, remarks:—"The first flour from Harbin arrived in Japan via Vladivostock in July, and quotations have been asked by the 12 mills now reopened in Harbin for the supply of 1,000,000 50lb bags to Osaka. I have been informed that freight concessions have been granted to allow these millers to compete in the Japanese and Chinese markets, and a gentleman largely interested in milling in the United States, who had been some time in Japan and Manchuria, said the latter country would in 10 years raise sufficient wheat to supply all Japanese wants. Two flourmills, equal to 100 and 20 short tons a day respectively, are being erected in Kobe. Shanghai has seven mills, dealing chiefly with wheat for the Yangtse Valley, and a mill is to start in Hongkong at the end of the year capable of putting out 200 short tons of flour per day. It is proposed to use half Australian and half Indian wheat at this mill. A cheap mixture of maize and flour made at Hongkong is expected to be on the market next January, and will probably affect the American bluwiff flour, but merchants say it will not come into competition with the Australian article, which is mostly used in China and Japan for the manufacture of native macaroni.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Stocks in Bond.—The stocks of merchandise, other than wine, spirits, narcotics, and sugar, in bond on August 31, also the corresponding date last year and movements in the week were:—

	Imported.	Duty paid.	Exported.	In Bond, a year ago.	In Bond on Friday.
Hops, lb.	—	662	16,254	59,803	
Candles, boxes	—	165	5,541	214	
Milk, cases	75	4	4,313	148	
Rice, sacks	903	289	13,722	28,239	
Ditto, bags	339	1,362	1,322	15,263	15,981
Vinegar, casks	—	21	—	222	222
Ditto, cases	—	21	4,068	640	640
Galv. iron, cases	—	—	—	645	265
Glucose, casks	—	27	—	616	166
Ditto, cases	—	—	—	61	665
Salt, sacks	—	1,100	150	53,295	43,073
Ditto, bags	—	—	10	22,692	34,386
Rock salt, tons	—	—	—	—	—
Cement, casks	—	512	50	9,772	9,498
Currants, lb.	—	8,896	414	84,572	205,581
Raisins, lb.	—	610	61	220,525	117,160
Dates, lb.	—	6,466	353	64,067	44,800
Other fruits, lb.	—	373	—	18,988	11,221
Coffee, lb.	16,065	7,179	1,856	165,401	194,272

About Sulphur.—Sicilian producers of sulphur, which is worth £7 10s to £7 15s per ton in Sydney, have been keenly feeling American competition. The fact is that extensive mines have been opened in Louisiana, and Sicilian producers have seen the shipments of Sicilian sulphur to America dwindle from about 170,000 tons in 1902 to about 70,000 tons for 1905, and they have witnessed shipments of American sulphur coming into Europe. The Italian Government have recognised that this means a national calamity for Sicily. A compulsory syndicate of producers is therefore proposed, and future developments may be watched with interest. Australia gets most of its sulphur supplies from Japan. The imports in 1905 totalled 8935 tons, valued at £42,615, of which £37,887 worth was Japanese.

The Champagne Region.—In connection with the drafting of the administrative regulations for the application of the new French Act against fraudulent trading, various delegations have expressed as to the exact boundaries of the "champagne" region. The Champagne Wine Syndicate—the authorised organ of this branch of the trade—has memorialised M. Pams, the French Minister of Agriculture claiming that this title should be reserved to sparkling wines produced and completely prepared in the department of the Marne, and in those communes in the Chateau-Thierry arrondissement which lie in the Marne Valley, and geologically form the immediate continuation of the same valley in the Epernay district. Wines rendered sparkling by artificial addition of carbonic acid gas or otherwise should be plainly labelled as "vin gazeifie." This decision interests champagne dealers and consumers as indicating exactly what description is to be entitled under the title of pure and natural sparkling champagne.

Butter Shipments.—The steamer Durham took 2119 boxes of butter on Saturday—principally London. The shippers were:—J. W. Young, 500 boxes; C. C. Lance, 130 boxes; D. Goood, 1075 boxes; W. F. Shaw, 414 boxes. The R.M.S. Macedonia took on Saturday 2052 boxes of butter consigned to London. The principal shippers were:—Berrima D. Co., 700 boxes; Hawken and Vance, 287 boxes; Farmers and Settlers', 466 boxes; J. Mackay, 295 boxes; North Coast Co., 200 boxes; H. Hall, 40 boxes; Foley Bros., 500 boxes; W. H. Barlow, 40 boxes.

At Darling Harbour on Saturday 1990 bales wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney on Saturday was £7137.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The following were yesterday's quotations of the Frozen Meat Trade Association at the Smithfield Markets, and were for parcels fairly representative of the bulk of the shipment on the market. Fluctuations compared with the previous week's prices are as indicated:—

Australian Mutton—
Heavy (over 56lb) ..... 2 15-16d (1-16d lower)
Light (under 56lb) 3½d
New Zealand Mutton—
Canterbury, light (28-36lb) 3 9-16d (1-16d lower)
Do., medium (36-42lb) .. 3½d
Do., heavy (44-72lb) 3¼d
Dunedin and Southland (36-42lb) 3 5-16d
North Island (36-65lb) .. 3 9-16d
Do., best brands (35-65lb) 3½d
River Plate Mutton—
Heavy (over 56lb) 3 1-16d
Light (under 56lb) 3 5-16d
Australian Lambs—
Best brands (28-42lb) 4½d
Fair quality (28-42lb) 3½d
Inferior quality (28-42lb) . None offering
New Zealand Lambs—
Canterbury, light (48-56lb) 4¾ (¼d lower)
Do., medium (36-42lb) .. 4¼d (1-16d lower)
Do., heavy (42-50lb) .... 4 3-16d (1-16d lower)
Dunedin and Southland (28-42lb) ..... 4¼d (1-16d lower)
North Island (28-42lb) .. 4¼d (1-16d lower)
River Plate Lambs (28-42lb) None offering
Australian Beef—
Ox fores (160-220lb) 2½d
Ox hinds (160-220lb) ..... None offering
New Zealand Beef—
Ox fores (160-220lb) ..... 2 7-16d (¼d higher)
Ox hinds (160-220lb) ..... 2 7-16d (1-16d higher)
River Plate Beef—
Ox fores (160-220lb) ..... 2¼d (¼d higher)
Ox hinds (160-220lb) ..... 2¼d (¼d higher)

RABBIT TRADE IMPROVING.

The rabbit trade is improving, and prices are firm. At a meeting of the principal importers it was decided to fix the minimum prices of large Victorians at 12s 6d per crate, and Sydneys at 13s ex ship.

HEMP AND COPRA.

Hemp is firm, September-November shipments being quoted at £23 10s per ton.

Copra is steady and unchanged. South Sea parcels are quoted at £20 17s 6d per ton prompt.

LINSEED OIL.

Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s raw linseed oil is quoted 1d lower at 1s 8½d per gallon, and double boiled at 1s 10½d f.o.b.

METALS.

Closing quotations were:—

Tin, on spot, £164 15s, a £185 5s, an advance of £1 5s per ton.

Lead, soft foreign, is 1s 3d per ton higher, at £17 10s to £17 12s 6d.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WHEAT.

The cargo of 21,647 bags wheat in the County of Kinross (freight 21s 6d per ton), which left Port Adelaide on April 11, has been sold at 29s 6d per 480lb c.f.i.

LONDON, Sept. 2.

TIN STATISTICS.

	A year ago. Tons.	A month ago. Tons.	Aug. 31, 1906. Tons.
Stocks	13,581	13,013	12,295
Deliveries	3,234	2,773	2,966
Afloat	4,221	3,364	3,912
Spot and landing	2,808	3,650	2,966

TALLOW STATISTICS.

	A year ago. Casks.	A month ago. Casks.	Aug. 31, 1906. Casks.
Stocks	8,137	8,130	7,129
Imports	6,010	4,130	5,907
Deliveries	6,455	5,481	6,008

SILVER.

Bar silver was quoted on Saturday at 2s 6 15-16d per ounce standard.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

Supplement No. 75 to the "Customs Tariff Guide" contains the following decisions:—Nock—Spalding's Athletic Library, free. Brunak, a substitute for coffee, "Gazette" notice of May 16, 1903, 5d per lb. Note.—This cancels decision in Supplement No. 5 and Supplement "Guide," page 72. Collar supports, leather, 20 per cent. Cooker black (Brunswick black)—20 per cent. Drugs, chemicals, and Medicines—Codeina, free. Note.—This cancels decision in "Guide," page 234. Peroxide of sodium, free. Stovaine (used as a local anæsthetic in place of cocaine), free. Tablets, water-sterilising, free. Pillar papers, 15 per cent. Ginger, in brine, 1½d per lb., including the weight of liquid. Indiarubber manufactures—Compass jointing, in sheets, 15 per cent. Jewellery—Boxes, stud, electroplated, lined or unlined, 25 per cent. as jewel cases. Boxes, trinkets, electroplated, lined or unlined, 25 per cent. as jewel cases. Machinery—Block (wood) for hats, being an integral part of machines for the manufacture of fibrous materials, free. Note.—This cancels decision in "Guide," page 24. Injectors, imported, with and for boilers, 12½ per cent. Ring casting tools, complete, with charcoal, 12½ per cent. Metals—Scoops, spring wire, free. Oils—Pentane (petroleum ether), 1d per gallon. Spirits, perfumed—Aqua Divina,

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

A final opportunity will be afforded owners and trainers to-day of nominating for the liberal and attractive programme drafted by the A.J.C. for its Spring meeting, as entries close at p.m. The added money for the events still open amounts to 7900 sovs. Of this sum 1300 sovs is apportioned to the jumping races, 3600 sovs, exclusive of the cup presented by Mr. Shead, and which goes to the Craven Plate, to the weight-for-age and special events, and 3000 sovs to the minor handicaps on the flat. Owners should also note that the first forfeits for the Epsom Handicap, Metropolitan, Derby, Breeders' Plate, and Gimcrack Stakes, must be paid before 4 p.m., otherwise further liability will be incurred.

Mr. Hamilton Osborne's string of racehorses, comprising Cherry Ripe, Queen's Messenger, Elma, and a gelding by Orvil (imp.)—Feu-de-Joie, will be sold by Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. at Fennelly's bazaar, Pitt-street, at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

The Malvolio mare Mira, who won the Warriston Welter at the V.A.T.C. meeting on Saturday, has 6st 7lb in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

Following are the latest scratchings for the A.J.C. Spring Meeting:—Epsom Handicap: Solution, Lady Thespian, Blue Wave, Grafnax, La Veile, Arcturus. Metropolitan: Lady Thespian, Blue Wave. Derby: L'Aiglon, Orel. Breeders' Plate and Gimcrack Stakes: Peter Pan, Rhynsy, Thalia.

The withdrawal of Solution from the Epsom Handicap would come as a shock to those backers who stepped in early to secure a long price about the New Zealand mare. Only a couple of weeks ago her owner is reported to have stated that he had not backed her, and could not understand how it was she was being boomed. Following on this statement it is somewhat significant that Solution has within the last week or so been introduced into the market for the Metropolitan, and now holds the position of favourite for that race, in which her weight is 8st 2lb. She is also engaged in the Caulfield Cup with 8st 8lb, but is better treated in the Melbourne Cup, in which her weight is 7st 8lb.

On the strength of his improved form a week earlier, Pompous was made a warm favourite for the Liverpool Mile at Warwick Farm on Saturday. Pompous was soon out in front, but Forest Light hung on to him in a way that was evidently not to the favourite's liking, and he was done with when heads were fairly turned for home. But in wearing Pompous down, Forest Light also knocked himself up, with the result that Victoria Cross, who came with a resolute run on the outside, accounted for him easily. Sleeper was in the betting, but did not appear to stay, and until the race was practically won, Passion was another to meet with support, but she ran very much below expectations. Among the starters was Yabba Gabba, who has been backed for the Caulfield Cup, but she was tailed off from the jump, and finished last.

The only favourite to win at Warwick Farm on Saturday was Eruption. During the week he had been backed for the Epsom Handicap, in which he has 7st, and as he had been weighted at four pounds less in the Farm Stakes backers could easily be forgiven for expecting him to win. He is a big upstanding bay gelding, and looks as if he could carry weight over timber. He soon took charge of his field on Saturday, and although Neruda kept him company for a portion of the journey, he drew away in the straight, and won without being extended. Eruption is a four-year-old, by Grafton (imp.) from Loch Levy, by Loch Fyne (imp.), by Chester. In addition to the Epsom Handicap his future engagements are Metropolitan 6st 11lb, Caulfield Cup 7st 5lb, and Melbourne Cup 7st.

The scratching of Solution for the Epsom Handicap caused Magazine to advance to the position of favourite with the daughter of Havoc being quoted at 10 to 1. As the result of solid support accorded him, Sleeper firmed to 14 to 1, which price was also on offer against Berthier. Clonsilla and Luciana were each quoted at 16 to 1, but Jim Dorsey and Pompous were knocked back to 20 to 1. The latest business done in connection with the Metropolitan included £3000 taken about Raeburn at 100 to 1.

The Hurdle Race at Warwick Farm on Saturday was a very poor affair, and resulted in a complete boil-over. Of the 11 horses on the card only three faced the starter, and of these Gloomy was made an odds-on favourite. In the early part of the race Gloomy, pulling double, was in front, and after Turpentine had settled down at the mile post he looked almost any odds on that he would beat Bega. But coming to the bend the favourite began to tire, and Bega came right away from him after getting over the last hurdle. Bega was the outsider of the trio, but although he won by a shower of little of his old dash, and it was simply through the other horse completely stopping that he pulled through.

On recent form, and with only 7st to carry, The Bairn looks to have a good chance in the Metropolitan. He has to give 2st 7lb to a liking for the Warwick Farm course, and won the principal event there on Saturday in most convincing style. He must have been nearly a dozen lengths behind the leader half a mile from home, but from there made up his ground very fast, and taking charge a long distance fairly spreadeagled his field. It was a good betting race, Rosemead being favourite, while Panama, Bonnie Elsie, and The Bairn were all well backed. Rosemead looked to have a chance approaching the turn, but failed to see the journey out.

Races will be held at Kensington to-day. Good entries have been received, and the first event will start at 2.15 p.m. Special trams will run to the course as usual.

Oceana should quite shade the starters for the following events, to be run at the Rosehill meeting on the 15th inst., close with the secretary (Mr. G. W. S. Rowe) at 4 p.m. to-day:—Hurdle Race, of 70 sovs, 2m; Granville Stakes, of 60 sovs, of Spring Stakes, of 40 sovs, penalties and allowances, 1m 1f; Camellia Stakes, of 70 sovs, 6f; Rydalmere Mile, of 70 sovs, 1m.

The latest addition to the numerous starting apparatus for the racecourse is a machine invented by Mr. Wm. Magee, of Dublin. The principle of construction is the outward and upward motion by means of a hinged arm working in a semi-circle, the motive power being stout wire (coiled) springs. The barrier is released by electricity—a decided advantage to the starter, who has only to be close to the post when despatching his field, and the action possesses speed and effectiveness.

The right to collect at the entrance gates for Tattersall's meeting, which will be held at Randwick on Saturday next, will be submitted to auction at Messrs. W. Inglis and Son's bazaar at noon to-day. The racing ponies Pyora and Rap, and a trotting gelding by Duke will also be brought under the hammer.

The Epping R.C. will hold its next pony and galloway meeting on Thursday, entries closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

It was dull and cloudy at Randwick on Saturday morning, and a strong westerly made the atmosphere very keen. The middle grass track was at the disposal of trainers, and on it Lady Wallace galloped a mile in 1m 50s, a distance which 2os accounted for in a second and a half slower time. Speedon and Lear-ye-Forgit cast a mile behind in 1m 52⅘s, while seven furlongs in 1m 40s went down to the credit of Steel Trust and Gairloch. Doure took 1m 53s to get over a mile, while Mervell and Binnia were together at the end of a similar distance, run in 1m 50s. The task set Porcelain and Solution was a mile and a quarter, and at the end of the trip the watch showed 2m 26s. Woolloomooloo, Epic, and Mutation were let off with a strong round, and the same class of work went down to Ossian and Satinvader. Marvel Loch had Noreen for a companion over nine furlongs, which were cast behind in 2m 5s, and The Intender slipped over six furlongs in 1m 21s. Belfry and Parocia were in front of Shimose at the end of seven furlongs, which they were timed to run in 1m 37s, and Lochino and The Cavalier bowled over six furlongs in 1m 23s. Some interest was centred in the appearance of Mr. Stead's Derby colt, Hunsacar, and Isolt; the former ridden by Hewitt, and the latter by the stable's lightweight. The pair were bracketed for a mile and a quarter, but, though ridden right out, the colt was no use at all to the mare, who was pulling over him at the finish in the moderate time of 2m 22s. The last mile taking 1m 58s. Six furlongs in 1m 22⅘s went down to the credit of Sweetness, while Conne got over the same course in a second slower time. Maniapoto did steady work, while Cunney and Heracles travelled a mile in 1m 51⅗. A mile at a strong pace was all Lord Ullin's Daughter was asked to do, while Bluster, Antonious, and Meiodrama cast the same distance behind in 1m 52s. Arlington, Contort, and Corfu were associated in a run over six furlongs, which they left behind in 1m 23s, and Famous got over the same course in similar time. Lucianna went usefully, while Scot Free and Lord Fitzroy ran a mile in 1m 52s. The Derby colt Collarit went freely and attractively over nine furlongs in 2m 8s, and Little Toy did his usual working gallop. Lady Esme had the call over Banzai at the end of a mile, which occupied 1m 49⅘s, and that good-looking son of Positano, Postilion, who recently arrived from the north, did some pacing on the inside track, and displayed much of his old-time dash and superabundance of spirits. Several two-year-olds were spurted along the back stretch, and acquitted themselves well, and the Skopos-Alga colt created some surprise by beating Mountain King (Wallace—Bonnie Rosette) and a couple of others over the half-mile proper in 54s, from a standing start.

TAMWORTH L. V. CLUB.

TAMWORTH, Saturday.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Licensed Victualliers' Race Club was held last night. It was reported that there was nothing official from the Jockey Club to guide the meeting as to whether the Jockey Club would rent to the Licensed Victuallers' Club the racecourse in future. Eventually a motion was moved,—"That the club should disband." On this an amendment was moved,—"That the club should hold picnic races at the most convenient place, and on the most convenient date." The amendment was carried. The old committee was re-elected to carry on the affairs of the club.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

On the course at Caulfield on Saturday after the races £1000 to £40 was accepted about Lachlan for the Caulfield Cup, and £1000 to £25 about Mira for the same event. Mira was backed for both the Caulfield Cup and the Melbourne Cup some weeks ago for a fair stake, at 100 to 1 in each case.

An appeal has been lodged with the V.R.C. by J. Roche against the decision of the Moonee Valley stewards in disqualifying him for 12 months in connection with the running of Edward VII. in the Hurdle Race last Wednesday.

One of the leading bookmakers at the unregistered meetings applied to the V.A.T.C. stewards on Saturday for permission to ply his calling in the paddock at Caulfield, and tendered the amount of the annual fee. In answer to a question, he informed the stewards that he did not intend to sever his connection as a bookmaker with the unregistered meetings. His application was refused, and on his attempting to make a book in the paddock he was escorted off the ground by one of the club's officers. There is likely, it is said, to be litigation over the matter.

On his form in the Memsie Stakes on Saturday, there was very little inducement to send Solaire to Sydney to compete in the A.J.C. Derby. He has been shaping indifferently on the tracks of late. Another of Mr. K. S. Macleod's horses that it was thought might make the Sydney trip—Royal Scot—injured his shoulder some time ago, and has not done very much work since. If Mr. Macleod sends any horses over for the A.J.C. meeting, the two-year-old Seddon will likely be amongst them. This brother to Wairiki shapes rather well in private, and may turn out a smart colt.

There were some heart-burnings in "the ring" over the scratching of Lachlan for the Doona Trial at Caulfield on Saturday. The event was the second on the programme. Catcheon was favourite at 3 to 1, the field between the first and second races, and bookmakers being eager for business, got early to work, and had Lachlan favourite at 2 to 1 on, while odds of 10 to 1 were on offer against any of the other starters—a very moderate lot. Mr. MacDonald did not apparently appreciate the betting to the extent they were, for when Lachlan came with a resolute run on the outside, and, cutting down Forest Light at the half-distance, beat him home a three lengths, while Sleeper, who was never far away third, beat the latter by a couple of lengths. Then at four lengths' intervals succeeded Passion and Gowrie, with Legion next, and Yabba Gabba last. Time, 1m 45⅘s.

FARM STAKES; a sweepstakes of 1 sov each for starters, with 50 sovs added; second 5 sovs. 6f.

Mr. W. C. Bowman's b g Vaslovik, by Lochiel—Vashti, aged, 8st 12lb (F. Hilchey) 1
Mr. W. C. Barnes's ch g Cardoon, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (J. Barden) 2
Mr. W. T. Noonan's br c Point Piper, aged, 8st (R. W. Brennan) 3

Other starters: Cockney Boy, 10st 4lb (D. Lee); Grafton Lass, 10st 2lb (T. Hamilton); Beltrain, 10st 2lb (W. H. Smith); Glenbrook, 9st 7lb (P. Houseman); Attain, 8st 4lb (F. Connelly); Lanolien, 8st 4lb (A. Houseman); Pancake, 8st 3lb (T. Coffey); Trajectory, 8st (W. M'Lachlan); Neruda, 8st (A. Hood).

Betting: 2 to 1 v Cardoon, 5 to 2 v Beltrain, 5 to 1 v Vanlock, 7 to 1 v Trajectory, 10 to 1 each v Glenbrook and Grafton Lass, 12 to 1 each v Point Piper and others.

Neruda was smartest off the mark, while Lanolien was the last to get going, but after passing the five furlongs post Cardoon shot through, and at the end of the next furlong was followed at lengths intervals by Neruda, Attain, Vanlock, and Point Piper, with Lanoline still whipping in. Coming along the river side, Cardoon increased his lead to three lengths, but rounding the bend the field closed up, and Cardoon entered the home stretch with Point Piper and Vanlock hard upon him. Just inside the distance, Vanlock tackled the favourite, and, finishing with great resolution, beat him by half a neck, while Point Piper was a length further back, followed by Beltrain, Trajectory, Attain, Neruda, and Grafton Lass, Lanoline being the last to pass the post. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The weather for the September meeting of the Victorian Amateur Turf Club on Saturday was not at all satisfactory. Steady rain fell overnight, and although there was a cessation in the morning, drizzling rain set in before the first race, and made matters uncomfortable. The going was heavy, and many horses were withdrawn from their engagements on account of it; but, taken altogether, the sport was interesting. Not a single favourite won during the day. J. E. Carter was in good form in the saddle, winning the jumping events on Wickliffe and Federation.

Touchwood, who ran so well against Realm at the previous meeting, was a strong order for the Hurdle Race, and he was always considered a safe sample, jumping faultily. He soon got far ahead, and was in the end beaten by the outsider Wickliffe. There were several accidents, but no serious damage resulted. Odds of 2 to 1 were laid on Lachlan for the Trial Stakes, but after a fine scrambling there was a rush to get on Targoon, who ran well, but was beaten by Noella. As long odds as 20 to 1 were laid against Noella before Lachlan's scratching. The Heatherlie Handicap was regarded as an open race, much so that odds of 5 to 1 were offered on the field. Intruder and Illumination divided favouritism, and Invergordon, St. Free, Fowling Piece, and Kalnuck were also well backed. Mumta, as usual, led off, but after entering the straight, St. Free shot to the front, and won easily from Kalnuck and Sherman. Neither Intruder nor Illumination was ever dangerous. The Steeplechase was another open race. There was little to choose among Corsair, Revelation, The Barber, and Federation. Federation always held a good place, and although apparently beaten five furlongs from home, he outjumped his opponents, and won with something to spare from Eberr.

All things considered, 5 to 2 against Proceeder for the Memsie Stakes seemed a liberal price, but Ellis had a large following. Bad goods and folaire were well backed at the quotations. It was a muddling sort of race, and Retrencher getting a favourable run at the turn, ran home an easy winner, followed by Simoda and Circuit. Ellis again ran like an over-rate horse. Lachlan who had not hitherto gained a place, ran home first in front to win the Welter Handicap, and was a hot favourite, but he met more than his match in the lightly-weighted Mira. There was some bumping entering the straight, and Lachlan and Rangatira were amongst those interfered with. Details:—

KIEWA HURDLE of 125 sovs; second 20 sovs, and third 5 sovs. 2m 64yds.

Mr. G. Buckley's b g Wickliffe, by Tradition—Phantom, aged, 9st 5lb, including 5lb over (Carter) 1
Mr. W. J. Southerwood's be g Touchwood, by Light Artillery—Maritima, aged, 10st 2lb (T. Williamson) 2
Mr. H. Roberts's b g Illawarra, by Penance—Illawong, 4yrs, 9st 10lb, including 1lb over (Violet) 3

Other starters: Ballalaba, 11st 2lb (Faunt); Boomerang, 10st 6lb (Guinane)); Bargan, 10st 4lb (Cosgrove); Conqueror, 9st 9lb (Lymer); Tottie Moor, 9st (Mackenzie); Penalty, 9st 2lb (Feneny); Skirmisher, 9st 2lb (Bolderson); Game Metal, 8st (Fanning); Omeo, 9st (F. Burn).

Betting: 7 to 4 v Touchwood, 6 to 1 v Ballalaba, 7 to 1 each v Bargan and Boomerang, 8 to 1 v Omeo, 10 to 1 each v Illawarra and Shipslape, 12 to 1 v Wickliffe, 20 to 1 v others.

Tottie Moor was first away, but Touchwood went to the front at the first hurdle, and led to the half distance, where Wickliffe got on terms, and held home by a length and a half, with ten lengths between second and third. Time, 4m 28s.

DOONA TRIAL of 125 sovs.; second 20 sovs, and third 5 sovs. 1m.

Mr. H. W. Taylor's ch f Noella, by Aurie—Birch, 3yrs, allowed 7lb, 9st 2lb (Ryan) 1
Mr. H. Avery's b g Targoon, by St. Swithin—Themia, 5yrs, 7st 11lb, including 7lb penalty (M'Cann) 2
Mr. J. J. Kelly's b m Lively Polly, by Orzil—Roquette, 5yrs, allowed 7lb, 6st 9lb (Piper) 3

Other starters: Boco, 7st 12lb (Accola); Dalbersup, allowed 7lb, 7st 4lb (F. Thompson); Feuilleton, allowed 7lb, 6st 9lb (Barry); Ellis, allowed 7lb, 6st 8lb, including 11b over (Harmer).

Betting: 5 to 4 v Targoon, 9 to 2 v Boco, 7 to 1 v Lively Polly, 8 to 1 each v Feuilleton, 10 to 1 v Ellis, 20 to 1 v others.

Noella made play from Targoon, Feuilleton, and Boco, and making all her own running, won by half a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Dalbersup was fourth, with Boco and Byalite next. Time, 1m 19⅘s.

HEATHERLIE HANDICAP of 130 sovs; second 20 sovs, and third 10 sovs. 9f.

Mr. R. Wren's b h St. Free, by St. Swithin—Freedom, 6yrs, 7st 7lb (Fisher) 1
Mr. H. Bell's ch g Kalnuck, by Lochiel—Urr, 5yrs, 7st 4lb, including 11b over (Cooper) 2
Mr. J. Walsh's br g Sherman, by Havoc—Caroline, 6yrs, 7st 5lb (Bennett) 3

Other starters: Themas, 8st 13lb (Commody); Ratafia, 7st 13lb (Taylor); Lady Doris, 8st 11lb, including 2lb over (W. Thorn); Charmant, 7st 13lb (M'Neillage); Position, 7st 11lb (Banks); Munus, 7st 7lb (Turner); Operetta, 7st 7lb (Barrett); Invergordon, 7st 3lb (M'Cowan); Fowling Piece, 7st (Harmer); Intruder, 6st 11lb, including 4lb over (Ebon); Optime, 6st 7lb (Dickinson); Canonised, 6st 6lb (Carmody).

Betting: 5 to 1 each v Illumination and Intruder, 7 to 1 each v Kalnuck and Fowling Piece, 8 to 1 v Invergordon, 10 to 1 each v St. Free, Position, and Canonised, 20 to 1 v Canonised.

Canonised and Munus were first away, but Munus soon took charge, and led along the back, and down the railway side. Coming to the turn, Lady Doris loomed large, but on getting straight from Kalnuck, Invergordon, and St. Free, the last named of whom took charge inside the distance, and won by two lengths, half a length separating Kalnuck and Sherman. Lady Doris was fourth. Then came Invergordon, with Charmant and Canonised last. Time, 2m.

SANDRINGHAM STEEPLECHASE of 125 sovs.; second 20 sovs, and third 5 sovs. 2m.

Mr. E. Finn's b g Federation, by Annesley—Lady Teazle, aged, 10st 12lb (Barry) 1
Mr. L. Miller's b g Error, by Mistake—Lady Peri, aged, 11st 7lb (Dickenson) 2
Mr. J. F. Kirby's b g The Barber, by Figaro—Star, aged, 10st 7lb (Bennett) 3

Other starters: Abdallah, 11st 9lb (Hogan); Revelation, 10st 13lb (Smith); Castanos, 10st 7lb (Allan); Napier, 10st 5lb (Sutherland); Corsair, 10st 1lb (Fennessy); The Traveller, 9st 7lb (Scott).

Betting: 9 to 2 v The Barber, 5 to 1 each v Federation and Revelation, 7 to 1 v Abdallah, 8 to 1 each v Error and Castanos.

Federation sailed off in front and piloted Napier over the first fence, on which Corsair fell. At the 2nd wall the order was Federation, The Barber, Napier, Error, and The Traveller; and at the first of the treble the order was Federation, The Traveller, Error, Revelation, The Barber, and Castanos, with Abdallah last. Going out of the straight The Traveller dropped back to fifth position, leaving the other horses named to race in the same order along the back and to the sod wall. Revelation and The Barber changed places here, but immediately took their positions again. The Traveller fell at the back. Federation turned into the straight, followed by Error and The Barber, and, coming on, won by four lengths; Error, 2 lengths between second and third. Revelation was fourth. Then came Abdallah and Napier, with Castanos last. Time, 4m 04s.

MEMSIE STAKES of 150 sovs; second 15 sovs, and third five sovs. Weight-for-age; penalties and allowances.

Mr. E. A. Connolly's b g Retrencher, by Trenchant—Tamara 6yrs, allowed 7lb, 8st 8lb (Pratt) 1
Mr. E. Kelly's b g Simoda, by Simonian—Carbelle, 4yrs, allowed 7lb, 8st 7lb (W. Burn) 2
Mr. J. Wilson, junior's, b h Circuit, by Strathmore—Circe, 4yrs, allowed 7lb, 8st 7lb (Thomas) 3

Other starters: Proceeder, 3st 11lb (Armstrong); Grey Seaton, allowed 7lb, 8st 5lb (Pearson); Ilaire, allowed 7lb, 8st 7lb (M'Cowan); Iolaire, allowed 7lb, 7st 2lb (Ross); Ellis, allowed 7lb, 7st 2lb (Turner).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Proceedor, 3 to 1 v Ellis, 6 to 1 each v Iolaire and Simoda, 7 to 1 v Retrencher, 10 to 1 v Circuit.

Pleasure was first away from Retrencher, Iolaire, and Ellis, and led to the mile post, where Circuit ran past him, but the son of Trenchant resumed his place as they came along the railway side, Simoda, Ellis, and Grey Seaton. Coming into the straight Retrencher was challenged by Simoda, and at the distance the two were together. Retrencher, however, was the stronger, and won by two lengths; three lengths separating Simoda and Circuit. Iolaire was fourth, and Grey Seaton last. Time, 2m 03⅘s.

WARRISTON WELTER of 125 sovs; second 20 sovs., and third 5 sovs.

Mr. E. Knight's b m Mira, by Malvolio—My Lady, 5yrs, 7st 7lb (Cooper) 1
Messrs. Macdonald and Woodforde's br h Lachlan, by Bill of Portland—Mersey's Daughter, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (G. Hoel) 2
Mr. J. H. Davis's br m Lady Mary, by Lichiel—Grand Lady, 5yrs, 7st 7lb (M'Cowan) 3

Other starters: Dick Lilley, 8st 13lb (Carmody); Bonnie Lassie, 8st 11lb (P. Foulsham); Rangatira, 8st 3lb (Pratt); Gapos, 8st 7lb (Turner); Scots Wha Hae, 8st 5lb (Dunford); Red Clover, 8st 11lb (Magee); Miss Rae, 8st, claimed 8lb (E. Walker); Maori, 7st 13lb (Miller); Winchester, 7st 12lb (Leek); Stanley, 7st 7lb (Collins); Trelo Vonni, 7st 7lb (Bennett).

Betting: 6 to 1 v Lachlan, 4 to 1 v Lady Mary, 5 to 1 v Rangatira, 8 to 1 to each v Gapos and Miss Rae, Lachlan and Lady Mary got first away, and the latter led till approaching the straight, where Lady Mary came last on the outside, and Mira got up on the inside. The latter, taking charge in a few strides, came home three lengths in advance of Lachlan. Lady Mary was a length and a half away. Then came Winchester, Rangatira, Maori, and Dick Lilley. Stanley was last. Time, 1m 38⅘s.

BOULDER RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

KALGOORLIE, Saturday.

The Boulder Racing Club's meeting and spring carnival was concluded to-day in fine weather, and with a good attendance. The totalisator investments were large, and amounted to £21,162, which is about £2500 in advance of the amount invested on the corresponding day of last year. The principal event, the Great Western Steeplechase, was won by Lothian, who had come from beginning to end. Five horses fell, but none was injured. Three jockeys were hurt, two of them slightly, but M'Dougall, who had the mount on Booby, sustained a broken collar-bone and injury to the back. Results:—

Totalisator Handicap of 120 sovs, M.—Enchanteur, by Beauchamp (imp.)—The Wizard, 7st 12lb (Cody), 11 to 1 v Hollis (Jamieson), 2; Gaup, 10st (Trenowith), 3. Other starters: Lady Agnes, 9st 7lb; Altoona, 9st; sample, 8st 8lb; Morning Mist, 7st 10lb; Tours, 7st 9lb; Aspen, 7st 9lb; Sinclie, 7st 5lb; Prophecy, 7st 11lb; Rowley, 6st 12lb; Clarus, 6st 10lb; Lockette, 6st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Lady Agnes, 10 to 1 v the winner. Won by a length and a quarter, half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 9 3-5s. Dividend, £12 5s.

Welter Plate of 130 sovs, 7f.—Naughty, by Zalinski—Nemesis, 8st 6lb (King), 1; Cairo, 9st 3lb (Trenoweth), 2; Milner, 8st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Fop, 9st 11lb; Daylight, 8st 9lb; Honeydew, 8st 12lb; Bullion, 8st 11lb; Quicksilver, 8st 10lb; Mark, 8st 9lb; Rowley, Onslow, 8st 8lb; Siesta, 8st 5lb; Milano, 8st 3lb; Agnostic, 8st 2lb; Belford, 8st 2lb. Betting: 5 to 1 v Naughty. Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 28 3-5s. Dividend, £4 18s.

Grand Stand Handicap of 150 sovs, 1m 1f.—Plus, by Positano—Monaco, 8st 10lb (Peters), 1; Forest Charm, 7st 4lb (Solomon), 2; Scorcher, 8st 2lb (Bullock), 3. Other starters: Lord Middleton, 12st 8lb; Avondale, 11st 4lb; Booby, 10st 9lb; Mammon, 9st 9lb; Prince Louis, 8st 11lb; Plumer, 9st; Tennyson, 8st; Wild Deer, 7st 10lb; Kohinoor, 7st 7lb; Lady Isabel, 7st. Won easily by six lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 2m 15s. Dividend, £5 4s.

Welter Purse of 120 sovs, 7f.—Old Chum, by Automoy—Beatrix, 8st 8lb (King), 1; Sir Richard, 8st 6lb (Haverd), 2; His Majesty, 8st 9lb (Bullock), 3. Other starters: Durdans, 8st 12lb; Cobra, 8st 6lb; Allander, 8st 5lb; Spinifex, 8st; Boggarman, 7st 13lb; Royal Oak, 8st 3lb; Scope, 7st 12lb; Allegro, 7st 7lb; The Crown, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v His Majesty, 4 to 1 v Old Chum. Won by a length, a neck separating second and third. Time, 1m 29 4-5s. Dividend, £3 15s.

Farewell Handicap of 130 sovs, 1m.—Cairo, by Medallion—Urana, 8st 2lb (Trenoweth), 1; Circulus, 8st 9lb (Solomon), 2; Fop, 8st 6lb (Sutherland), 3. Other starters: M. A. Nolan, 9st; Green Jacket, 8st 12lb; Daylight, 7st 11lb; The Point, 7st 11lb; Saltillo, 7st 10lb; Siesta, 7st 2lb; Floral, 7st 4lb; Toora, 7st 2lb; Storm Queen, 6st 5lb; Stoessel, 6st 7lb; Waverley, 6st 7lb; Verbena, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 1 each v Green Mountain, Circulus, and Mariner, 8 to 1 v Cairo. Won by half a length, a neck between second and third. Time, 1m 45 1-5s. Dividend, £16 10s.

IPSWICH JOCKEY CLUB.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

The Ipswich Jockey Club races were held in fine weather, and there was a good attendance. The principal event resulted as follow:—

Tuesday Club Handicap, 1m.—Tithits, by Pippin—Tenebrous, 6st 11lb (M'Cabe), 1; Messenger, 6st 8lb (Hayes), 2; Luncher, 8st 5lb (Stewart), 3. Other starters: Fairfield, Haidee, Kinkonchi, Norseman, Flitabout, Villager. Betting: 6 to 4 v Luncher, 5 to 1 each v Chesterfield and Alexis, 7 to 1 v Haidee, 8 to 1 v Tithits, 10 to 1 each v Gaged and Miss Rae, 20 to 1 v Messenger. Won by two lengths, half a length separating second and third. Time, 2m 5s. Dividend, £4 12s.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY'S RACES POSTPONED.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

The committee of the South Australian Racing Club decided on Saturday to postpone the Derby Day races, which were to have taken place to-morrow, till next Saturday, and to have that day's racing on the following Tuesday. A week ago the Morphetville racecourse was transformed into a lake by the heavy rain, but the damage was repaired to a considerable extent. On Saturday it poured for hours, and the committee, after inspecting the racecourse, decided it would be unfit for the holding of the races on Monday. The Adelaide Racing Club offered its course, which had not suffered to the same extent, but as the Derby is the race for which the nominations arising, it was decided not to hold the races there. One of the totalisator rules is that the club which has a license to use the machine must race on the course.

Half forfeits for the Derby fell due on Saturday, when Crescendo, Quick March, and Silver Hill fell out of the race.

KENSINGTON RACES.

Following are the weights for to-day's races at Kensington:—

Maiden Stakes, 5f.—Regalia, 8st 12lb; Silver Link, 8st 12lb; Blitz, 8st 10lb; Lord Ilverton, 8st 12lb; Hoity Toity, 8st; 10lb; Donald, 8st, 10lb; Rochdel, 8st 8lb; Settling Day, 8st 6lb; Carlotta II., 8st 6lb; Miss Mayfield, 8st 6lb; Gazelle, 8st 3lb; Fisherma, 8st; Wira Lula, 8st; Rose Bengal, 8st; Bismarck, 7st 12lb; Regent, 7st 12lb; Eva B., 7st 12lb; Jolly Boy, 7st 12lb; Horrocks, 7st 12lb.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5f.—Piccaninny, 8st; Nellie G., 8st; Beatrice, 8st 6lb; Linda, 7st 9lb; Parrakeet, 7st 6lb; Orange Bud, 7st 2lb; Dolly, 6st 12lb; Twilight, 6st 12lb; The Shanty Belle, 6st 12lb.

Trial Stakes, 7f.—Bonnie Elsie, 9st; Pet Key, 8st 5lb; Reliance, 8st 3lb; Fanny, 7st 12lb; Elm, 7st 12lb; Sprightly, 7st 9lb; Princess May, 7st 9lb; Mikado, 7st 2lb; Prince Rifelle, 7st 6lb; Slanina, 7st 11lb; Revel Rebe, 7st; Lady Stockwell, 7st; Orara, 7st; Melody, 6st 12lb.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4½f.—Melford, 8st 12lb; Marie, 8st 10lb; Inna, 7st 12lb; Orphan Girl, 7st 10lb; Marlbelle, 7st 7lb; Bonnie Dundee, 7st 6lb; Harebell, 7st 3lb; Beautiful, 7st 2lb; Bessie Bourke, 7st 2lb; Beautiful, 7st 4lb; Blarney Belle, 7st 3lb; Nellie E., 7st; Silver Grace, 7st; Lady Tobin, 6st 12lb.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5f.—Rosemage, 9st 12lb; Rockdell, 8st 8lb; Rosalind, 8st 2lb; Fuse, 8st 2lb; Picaninny, 8st; Good Mona, 8st; Energy, 7st 12lb; Allowrie, 7st 10lb; Maggie Trent, 7st 6lb; Clarence, 7st 3lb; Orange Tree, 7st.

Kensington Handicap, 5½f.—Clinker, 9st 7lb; Cohort, 9st 5lb; Lady Gosscon, 8st 11lb; Will Manion, 8st 7lb; Sweetheart, 8st 7lb; Rosalind, 8st 6lb; Encourage, 8st 3lb; Kilcoy, 8st 3lb; Adam Bede, 8st 3lb; King Olaf, 8st 1lb; Adover, 8st 1lb; Mrs. Caudle, 8st; Lady Kingston, 7st; Veronica, 7st 13lb; Pet Key, 7st 12lb; Rattler, 7st 11lb; Veronica, 7st 11lb; Copperfield, 7st 11lb; Merrella, 7st 7lb; Rharum, 7st 7lb.

HURLING.

INTERSTATE MATCH.

NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA.

VICTORIANS WIN A GREAT GAME.

The third of the interstate fixtures for this season was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. The attendance was by no means up to expectations on the day, but the game—Victoria v N.S.W.—was a brilliant game by 13 points to 6. The teams were:—

New South Wales.—Goalkeeper, J. Furlong; full-backs, J. Hickey, P. Furlong; half-backs, J. Foley, Boyle, Morgan, and M. Smith; centres, W. Ryan, J. Barry, T. O'Neill, W. Ryan; half-forwards, J. Apperley, J. Barry, J. Kelly, and M. F. Tuthill; forwards, J. Kidd, J. Kelly, J. Lyons, J. Scott, J. Ryan, J. Wiley, and M. F. Tuthill (captain).

Victoria.—Goalkeeper, J. Sexton; full-backs, Jeremiah M'Grath, M. Cassidy, and Caleb Hallbrook; backs, M'Grath (captain), and D. O'Connor; centres, T. M'Grath, W. Clifford, and T. Keighrey; half-forwards, E. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, and J. Field; forwards, E. Kennedy, D. Ryan, and D. M'Grath.

Victoria won the toss, and played with the wind, defending the northern goal. From the line-up Victoria secured, and sent the ball down the New South Wales territory. Victorian played wildly, and hit the ball out of bounds. New South Wales responded, and scored a minor, the ball just passing between the posts from the hand of Kiley. Shortly afterwards J. M'Grath performed a similar feat for the visitors. Cassidy distinguished himself by neat play for Victoria. The latter's play of both sides was pretty to watch, and the pace exhibited was capital. There were one or two tumbles, but the activity displayed by the men in avoiding the ball and tackling their opponents or in checking the latter's strokes was remarkable. Exactly the men's strokes was remarkable. Exactly man v man play was of a most brilliant character, each man doing his share. After some short play Victoria forced the ball down which at Furlong's shoulder, but the New South Wales full-back was alert, and a behind was the result. Kennedy scored a point for Victoria, but only equalled. Kennedy scored cleverly to M. Furlong, who scored a goal, and New South Wales led by 4 points to 1. Vigorous work by Victoria. Play by M'Grath hit two more behinds for Victoria. P. Keighrey scored neatly, but J. Morgan scored a behind for the home team. The contestants exhibited a capital sportsmanlike spirit, and there was an entire absence of pointless play. Shortly overhead tosses by Victoria should have ended in a score, but Furlong sent the ball behind out of the troublesome area, and Kennedy, added nothing to the a free puck, and Kennedy, added nothing to the score. A half-time the figures were:—New South Wales, 1 goal 2 behinds (5 points); Victoria, 3 behinds (3 points).

After the spell the game was as vigorous as in the first half. The men played at top speed, and the few spectators were delighted. C. Duffy served for Victoria, responded by excellent passing, and an attack which ended in a brilliant goal by W. M'Grath making the scores level at 6 points each. D. M'Grath added another minor for the visitors, and they led. Cosgriff and Kelly were playing in fine form, and altogether the teams gave a capital display. The ball travelled from end to end of the ground, but Victoria put extra fine work into their attack. Victoria had a free puck for goal, and J. M'Grath, getting a clear kick in a good position in front of the goal, drove the ball between the goal-posts, and put Victoria in the lead by 4 points. The combination of the visitors was of a high class, and they certainly demonstrated that the two matches they had narrowly lost were not the outcome of weak or timorous play. Their pluck and clever passing led to 2 more points before the call of time. The home team being scored along the railway side. Some play followed, but was settled for a while, but recovered, and Victoria had a spell on the defensive. O'Connor showed good work about mid-field, and every man played a fine game of his form. T. Field, taking the ball on the full in front of the New South Wales goal, scored another behind for the visitors. The final figures representative players up with great spirit in the last five minutes of the game, but the defence was alert, and although the rallies were hot in front of the Victorian goal, the home team could not score. The game ended in a win for Victoria by 2 goals 7 behinds (19 points) to 1 goal 3 behinds (9 points). Mr. Foster was referee.

ST. BRIGID'S v ST. JAMES'.

The early match on the Sydney Cricket Ground was between these representative St. Brigid's (Marrickville) and St. James', the former scoring a win after a very fair exposition of the game. A one-armed player distinguished himself by dropping the stick on one occasion to regain an opponent. There was little to choose between the two sides.

GOLF.

The results of Saturday's matches were as follow:—

ROYAL SYDNEY G.C.

Monthly Medal. "A" Grade.	
J. O. Fairfax	86—9=

Ashfield won by 3 points. Warringah beat St. George by only 7 points, and Manly defeated Chatswood by only 7 points. The closest contest of the day was that between Petersham and Mosman, at Mosman, when the visitors won by only 1 point. There was a five-rinked game between Parramatta and Hunter's Hill. After some exciting play Hunter's Hill won by only 2 points. Petersham and Victoria Park had another point. Petersham and Victoria Park had another close game, three rinks on each green. On home-and-home match, three rinks on each green. On the Petersham green the play was very close, only 3 points separating the totals. It was different, however, with the section playing on the Victoria Park green, for there the home representatives were beaten by nearly two to one. This gave Petersham a majority in the aggregate of 35 points.

In the 6-rink competitions there were a number of final rounds played. F. C. Bayliss defeated J. C. Harrison by 2 points in the final of the Barraclough trophy competition of the Ashfield Club. Cross and Carpenter beat Chalmers and Eldridge in the final of the Thorpe trophy competition in connection with the Burwood club, and Adams and M'Pherson will now meet to decide who is to play Booth in the final of the president's trophy contest of the Hunter's Hill Club. The following are the details of the different games played on Saturday:—

REDFERN v STRATHFIELD.

These teams met on the Redfern green. Redfern defeated Strathfield by 16 points. For the winners Mr. Mihell's rink, with 33, rendered excellent service for their side. The rinks and scores were as follow:—

	S.	R.
Hayes, Wheeldon, Bright, Clarke	24	.. 9
Thompson, M'Gill, Reed, Love	—	.. 15
Stedman, Parry, Swift, Mihell	33	.. —
Henderson, Robey, Pepperday, Williams.	19	.. 13
Banks, Rose, Grierson, Isaacs	—	.. 21
J. Drake, Nall, H. Drake, W. Drake	13	.. —
Donald, Lloyd, Gray, Leitch	13	.. 23
Bunting, C. Nall, Kopsen, Thorpe	—	.. —
Totals	88	.. 72

CITY v MARRICKVILLE.

Played on the City green, and won by the home team by 46 points. City put up 108 as their total. The rinks and scores were as follow:—

	C.	M.
Cromarty, Busson, Anderson, Glenister ..	20	.. 16
Edwards, Halligan, Clapin, Cox	29	.. 16
Hannan, Rowsell, Bradbury, Waring	29	.. 10
Whitelaw, Ferguson, Brown, Gibbes	30	.. 21
Row, Timothy, Roberts, Cutler	20	.. —
Keenan, Sparkman, Doyle, Coyle	—	.. 21
Eyre, Goshe, Hardy, Trimble	29	.. —
Turner, Box, Clarke, Trivett	—	.. 15
Totals	108	.. 98

PETERSHAM v VICTORIA PARK.

Three rinks met on the Victoria Park green as part of a home and home match. The result was a substantial win for Petersham, and although the other half of the contest was slow, yet in the aggregate Petersham secured a large majority. The scores were as follow:—

	P.	V.P.
Smith, Evans, Cann, Carrie	44	.. 10
Chisholm, Tovey, Thornley, Mosell	—	.. —
Andrews, A. Rogers, Cropper, O'Neill	19	.. 10
Hunter, ——, Nott	—	.. 17
W. Turner, Pratt, Thompson, Morgan	16	.. —
W. Wilkie, Huenerbein, Bladwell, T. Wilkes	—	.. 18
Totals	79	.. 45

ASHFIELD v BALMAIN.

Played on the Balmain green, and won by the visitors by 5 points—90 to 85. Scores:—

	Ash.	B.
Elphinstone, M'Donald, Day, Noakes	20	.. 23
Marsh, Fleuerdew, Fitzmaurice, Lewis	—	.. 23
Titcombe, Bell, Hopson, Harrison	19	.. 16
Dr. Kelly, Wymark, M'Cullloch, Dr. Wilson	—	.. 17
Fortheringham, Hockey, Rees, Smith	28	.. —
Williams, Pinnock, Steel, Crump	—	.. 24
Swan, Richards, Byrn, Blundell	23	.. 20
Drake, Turville, Clapham, Scott	—	.. —
Totals	90	.. 85

ST. GEORGE v RANDWICK.

After a close and interesting match St. George, which visited Randwick, won by two points. The scores were:—

	St. G.	R.
Morris, Wallis, Cooper, Dr. M'Leod	22	.. —
Cameron, Service, Rinnane, Whittle	—	.. 14
Fortescue, Barsby, Taylor, Larbalestier	26	.. —
M'Kenzie, Kiss, Sledge, Epulton	—	.. 24
Banks, Butler, Parslow, Anderson	29	.. —
Coulton, Wells, Lewis, Bromwich	—	.. 21
South, Louden, M'Clure, Marsden	14	.. —
Nelson, Munro, Hedges, Howe	—	.. 21
Totals	92	.. 80

PETERSHAM v VICTORIA PARK.

Played as part of a home and home match between these two clubs at Petersham, and won by the home team by a single point:—

	P.	V.P.
Dennis, Radford, Loudon, Strong	29	.. —
Priesman, Hudson (sub.), Lee, Batson	—	.. 15
Clifford, Somerville, Bennett	20	.. —
Cross, Gough (sub.), Jarman, Pritchard	—	.. 24
M'Cloy, Hanlon, Cohen, Law	13	.. —
Greig, Wigram (sub.), Walters, Hogue	—	.. 22
Totals	62	.. 61

HUNTER'S HILL v PARRAMATTA.

Five rinks from the Parramatta club journeyed to Hunter's Hill, and met the local team in a very close and interesting game at the conclusion of which there was only a difference of three points in favour of Hunter's Hill. Scores:—

	H.H.	P.
Dobbie, T. Rooke, Loveridge, M'Pherson..	21	.. —
Hitchcock, Ford, Gould, Hart	—	.. 19
Woolnough, Barrett, Adnam	14	.. —
Tuke, Fitzgerald, Mason	24	.. 18
Brown, Mackenzie, Newman	17	.. —
Bien, Goldrick, Meggett	—	.. 20
M'Clure, Palmer, Boothy, Sutton	28	.. —
Simpson, Marsden, Holmes, Coates	—	.. 15
Jackson, Sherborne, Richardson, Aspinall..	16	.. —
Robilliard, Paul, Pearce, Lavor	—	.. 18
Totals	96	.. 93

NORTH SYDNEY v WARRINGAH.

A two-rink contest was played between the above clubs, the home team winning easily by 25 points. Scores:—

	N.S.	W.
Sligg, Winchcart, Mayo, Marshall	31	.. —
Chapman, Christian, Bridgewater, Irving...	—	.. 7
Read, Macadam, Porter, Walker	29	.. —
Wright, Burns, Phillips, Bingham	—	.. 28
Totals	60	.. 35

PETERSHAM v MOSMAN.

On the Mosman green Petersham defeated the local team by one point, after an interesting struggle. Scores:—

	P.	M.
Lawson, Norman, C. Smith, Cooper	21	.. —
Kessell, King, Storey, Gosse	18	.. 16
Briggs, Parker, Rowell, Greig	—	.. —
Bowman, Rose Bounty, Colquhoun	16	.. —
Alexander, Hill, Smithson, Atkinson	20	.. —
Wilson, Warren, Pinnington, Groth	—	.. 17
Hinwood, Swan, Holland, Wylie	16	.. —
Fotheringham, Hockey, Rees, Smith	—	.. 25
Totals	75	.. 74

NORTH SYDNEY v CHATSWOOD.

These clubs met on the Chatswood green, an exciting game resulting in a victory for North Sydney by five points. Scores:—

	N.S.	C.
Wood, Saddington, R. Forgyth, Glacken.	18	.. —
Cawley, Rose, Harding, Petrie	—	.. 18
Williston, Furness (sub.), Newton, Marr..	24	.. —
Brickfield, E. Smith, Johnston, Bastian ..	—	.. 19
Hillier, C. Walker, Moore, Fox	17	.. —
Kilgour, Robey, Lindsay, Usher	—	.. 17
Totals	59	.. 54

WARRINGAH v ST. GEORGE.

Four rinks from St. George visited Mosman, and upon the Warringah green met the local representatives in a very close and interesting game, which resulted in a win for the home team by seven points. Scores:—

	W.	St. G.
Lawrence, Philbrook, Mitchell, Denyer ..	42	.. —
Hickey, Jones, Alderson, Louden	—	.. 23
Pitkam, Iredale, Brady, Munro	25	.. —
Swanson, Marr, Broome, Gibbons	—	.. 23
Shorter, Stinson, Stinson, J. Alderson ..	27	.. —
Young, Rosebv, Rosebv, Butchart	—	.. 24
M'Donald, Richard, Casper, Lee	15	.. —
Gilbert, Gosbell, Reid, Wyatt	—	.. 20
Totals	109	.. 102

WAVERLEY CLUB.

The final of the ring tournament resulted as follows:—

Jessop, Ranach, Sexton, Martin, 24.
Sands, Stewart, Chandler, Fitzgerald, 24.

In the consolation tournament, Mr. Evans's rink having secured the largest majority was successful in winning the tournament. The scores were:—

Barlell, Nicholls, M'Naughton, Evans	27
Dean, Ines, Dr. Tayler, Gartrell	25
Fairweather, Tipper, Parsons, Wahlberg	28
Pullwood, Hughes, Dyson, MacLeod	33
Lawless, Mons, Lawrence, Devine	20
Kemp, Dr. Ripsley, Morrison, Golding	26

BURWOOD CLUB.

The final for the Thorpe trophy for pairs was contested by Cross and Carpenter v. Chalmers and Eldridge, the result being a win for the first-named pair by 21 points to 13.

ASHFIELD CLUB.

In the final of the Barraclough trophy, F. Baylis defeated J. C. Harrison after an exciting game by 31 points to 29.

MANLY v CHATSWOOD.

Played at Manly, and won by the home team by 8 points—95 to 85.

CITY CLUB DINNER.

The members of the City Club have introduced into their yearly programme an item unique in bowls. It is "our annual dinner." The first of these reunions took place on Friday evening at Baumann's Cafe, and was in every way a success. About 80 members of the club, together with several of the leading officers of the New South Wales Bowling Association, sat down to dinner. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. V. Gauche. A number of toasts were honoured, including "The King" and "The State Governor." In proposing the toast of "The Governor," the patron, Mr. E. M'Farlane, said he had great pleasure in announcing that Sir Harry Rawson had consented to become patron of the club during the remainder of his term as Governor of this State. (Loud applause.)

The president, Mr. Gauche, said Mr. M'Farlane had been patron of the club for a number of years, and the club, while extending a hearty welcome to their esteemed Governor upon his accordance of the office of patron, desired also to retain the services of their present patron, as it had been decided to create the office of vice-patron, for which position Mr. M'Farlane had been nominated. (Applause.) In some respects the year had been a remarkable one. They had had a number of troubles, and had surmounted them all. At the beginning of the year there was a falling off of members, but later on there had been a considerable increase, and the membership now stood at 115, viz., 88 full members, 21 associate members, and six life members. This gave them an increase for the year of 31 new members. At the beginning of the year the treasurer, Mr. Packer, had a credit balance of £15, after all liabilities had been paid, but when the financial year closed they had £103 in the bank at fixed deposit, and £65 worth of stock and plant.

Several toasts were honoured, and during the evening a musical programme was gone through.

THE FATHER OF BOWLS.

Mr. John Young, who has been president of the New South Wales Bowling Association ever since its constitution nearly a quarter of a century ago, recently expressed a desire to be relieved of the duties of the position. Mr. Young was reminded to take this action through failing health. He had not been at all well lately, and a week or two ago was compelled to undergo another operation. He is at present in Brisbane seeking rest and a change, and will be away for another fortnight. In the meantime the annual meeting of the N.S.W. Bowling Association is to take place, and as the nominations for the various officers close this week Mr. Young attended a wish before leaving that a younger and more energetic man might be elected to the post of president. Just bowlers would not hear of the proposed change, and a general expression of opinion was quickly voiced that Mr. Young should hold the position as long as he lived. If he was not able to do the work he was at least entitled to the honours of the position. It was felt that he, as father of bowls, had already rendered yeoman service to the game in this State, and that while he was now unable to display the activity of former years, his counsel and advice would always be sought. For a number of years Mr. M'Leod, the senior vice-president, has been nominated Mr. Young for the position of president, and hearing of the intention of Mr. Young to retire, Mr. M'Leod at once wrote to him and expressed the wish of bowlers generally that "their father" should remain at the head of the household. Mr. Young has now consented to continue to fill the position, and Mr. M'Leod has accordingly nominated him.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

The rink competition in connection with the Hamilton Club's vice-president's trophy was continued on the Hamilton ground on Saturday afternoon when the rinks captained by R. Donald and J. Shearman qualified for the final round.

Newcastle and Lowland clubs played, the latter winning by 119 points to 99.

BASEBALL.

NEW SOUTH WALES v COMBINED TEAM.

WON BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.

The representative New South Wales team played a long game with a combined team on the Petersham oval on Saturday afternoon. There were many keen followers of the game present, and they were not too well pleased with the fielding on either side, although Diamond and L. Minnett played up to their reputations. At the end of the stipulated time for closing the game, the scores were equal, and in the subsequent play, the representative team managed to get a run in front and win by 1 run. M. Shea pitched first for the New South Wales team, but failed to send in his deliveries as puzzlingly as usual, and F. M'Ed Smith's pitching resulted in disaster. Indeed, home relieved him with Schaefer, who, however, was not at his best. Scores:—

New South Wales: 5 0 5 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 3—15.	
Combined: 4 2 0 4 1 1 1 0 0 0 0—13.	

New South Wales: A. Chapman 0, H. Cooper 2, W. Pratt 1, E. M'Elhone 1, C. W. Simmonds 2, R. M'Cloy 3, P. Fennell 3, L. A. Minnett 2, M. Shea (half-game) 0, F. M'Elhone (half-game) 0.

Combined: F. Winning 1, E. Jansen 1, F. Johnson 1, W. W. Chapman 2, L. Lillyman 3, A. Diamond 2, R. Minnett 0, R. V. Tait 1, G. Hooker 0.

MELBOURNE PREMIERSHIP MATCH.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Melbourne "A" baseball team and East Melbourne played off yesterday for the premiership on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The ground was very wet from recent rain, and a good play was practically impossible. A good deal of interest was centred in the match, as both teams had previously tied for the premiership. The scores were:—East Melbourne, 5 2 0 4 0 1 7 0—20; Melbourne, 1 0 0 2 3 0 9 5 0 0—11.

CRICKET.

WESTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION.

The matches in connection with the Western Suburbs competition (three grades) will commence on Saturday next. The draw for the first round will take place on Tuesday evening.

MOORE PARK ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the City Council not having issued the permits, the time for receiving entries for the Moore Park Association competition has been extended until Friday next. It has been decided to run a contest for one grade only this season. It will carry gold medals for the premier team, and silver medals for the runners-up. The conditions are to be a handicap on the point system. There are a large number of entries already in, and the competition promises to be successful. During the absence from the city of the president of the association, Mr. J. H. Taylor, the position will be filled by Mr. W. L. Agatin, who was elected at the adjourned meeting on Thursday last.

The annual meeting of the Glebe Kia-ora Club the secretary's report showed that last season had been a most successful one. The club played 11 matches, won 7, lost 4. They were runners-up in the Balmain and District competition (C grade). The honours for the batting average fell to O. Watson 60, W. Hallinan 23, J. Hogue 13.33; while J. Hogue 6.3, W. Cullen 5.52, and W. Bullivant 5.64, were the three best bowlers. The officers elected for the ensuing year were:—Patron, Mr. N. H. Murray; president, Mr. Sydney Jones; vice-presidents, Dr. Magnus, Dr. Boorsmann, Dr. Burton, Alderman Nosworthy, Mr L. Robinson, Mr Davis, Mr C. F. W. Lloyd, and Mr. Benjamin; captain, Mr. J. Bullivant; vice-captain, Mr. J. Cullen; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cullen; selection committee, Messrs. J. Hogue, A. Lloyd, and W. Bullivant; general committee, Messrs. A. Lloyd, C. Berry, W. Bullivant, N. Fairs, W. Cullen, E. Poulton; delegates to the Balmain Cricket Association, A. Munro and J. Cullen.

At the annual meeting of the Double Bay C.C. the report submitted showed that during last season 27 matches were played, 9 won, 5 lost, and 13 drawn. Mr. V. A. Adams won the batting average with 31.5 for 241 innings, Mr. A. B. Pope gained the aggregate with 467, and Stanley Rowley the highest single innings (82). The bowling honours fell for the second year in succession to Cyril Chambers (13.80). A special prize was awarded to Mr. R. Williams for his excellent work behind the wickets, and Mr. S. Slade secured the trophy for all-round batting and fielding combined. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. John Macintosh, M.L.C.; president, Mr. W. S. Corner; vice-presidents, Mr. Jas. Ashton, M.L.A., Mr. W. H. Kelly, M.P., W. F. Latimer, M.L.A., Aldermen T. Fairweather, W. Bell, Lieutenant Coen, Brownlow, Messrs. T. E. W. Knox, J. Lingen, D. Davis, Jas. Macintosh, Jas. Mackie, C. Tillock, W. Woods, C. Salinger, C. Vivian, T. Shepherd, T. Ridley; secretary and treasurer, S. Corner; general committee, Messrs. V. A. Adams, L. E. Deare, J. Cachlan, H. N. Ellis, J. A. Davis, R. Williams, C. M'Dougall; captain, Mr. T. Ridley; selection committee, Messrs. E. Swire, J. M'Lachlan, and T. Ridley.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

CYCLISTS' UNION PACERS' RACE.

The 10-miles pacers' handicap for those riders who had assisted in the late interclub contests promoted by the Dunlop Rubber Company was decided on Saturday over the Homebush course. The start and finish were at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, and the turning at Granville Gates. Close on fifty nominations were received for the race, and of this number the majority faced the starter. The contest was run under the auspices of the New South Wales Cyclists' Union, and provided some excellent sport. After the recent rains the track were in splendid condition. The following is the result of the competition:—R. A. Brown (Eastern Suburbs), 2m 30s start, 1; G. Baker (Petersham), 2m 30s start, 2; F. A. Betts (Enfield), 2m 40s, 3. T. Pollock, 1m 10s, did the fastest time,—viz., 28m 18s.

BRENT BICYCLE CLUB.

The Brent Bicycle Club decided a five-miles road race on Saturday over the Homebush course. The race, which was held under the auspices of the Cyclists' Union, was confined to members of the club, and the start and the finish were at Newell's Horse and Jockey Hotel. The course was in good order, but a strong wind prevented fast times being made. The following is the result of the race:—F. Dowsett, 20s start, 1; T. Smith, 1m 30s, 2; J. Millham, 1m 45s, 3. Dowsett, the winner, also put up the fastest time in the race, 16m 12s.

SWIFT BICYCLE CLUB.

The ten-miles road race of the above club was held on Saturday over the Homebush course. It was run under the auspices of the New South Wales Cyclists' Union, and was very successfully carried out. The result was a win for H. Larsen, who recently broke the road record from Goulburn to Sydney. The course was in good condition, but there was a strong wind. The result of the race is as follows:—H. Larsen, scr., 1; C. Bailey, 2m 30s start, 2; C. Colley, 2m 30s, 3. Larsen put up the fastest time for the race, riding the full distance in 29m 39s.

REDFERN BICYCLE CLUB.

The Redfern Bicycle Club held a five-miles members' road race on Saturday over the Homebush-Flemington course. The race started and finished at Newell's Hotel. The following is the result:—T. O'Hatham, 5s, 3; H. E. Lott's, 15s, 4; R. M'Kenzie, scr., 5; R. J. Wrigley, 1m 10s, 6. O'Halloran rode a good race and won handily, but M'Kenzie, the scratch man, did the fastest time, 16m 25s.

The road championship of the club will be held over a distance of two miles on the Maroubra course on September 29, and will take the form of a sealed handicap event.

HORNSBY BICYCLE CLUB.

The Hornsby Club decided a members' road race on Saturday over a distance of seven and a half miles on the Hornsby course, under the auspices of the New South Wales Cyclists' Association. The roads were in fair order. The following is the result:—J. Reay (scr.), 3; W. Robbon, 30s, 2; S. Pollard, 15s, 3. The winner made the fastest time (26m 2s).

SURREY BICYCLE CLUB.

The Surrey Bicycle Club decided a five miles road race over the Homebush course on Saturday. The race, which started from Newell's Hotel, finished at the same place, and was held under the rules of the Cyclists' Union. The result was as follows:—J. Hazelton, 1m start, 1; W. Rushton, 1m, 2; N. Davis, 1m 45s, 3; J. Pratt, 45s, 4.

PIONEER MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

The hill-climbing competition which the above club had down for decision on Saturday over the Baden Baden hill at Coogee was postponed until Saturday week. Most of the prominent machines have been entered, and some interesting struggles between the various mounts is likely to take place.

The fourth race in connection with the Chamberlain Cup will be decided on Saturday, over the usual five miles course near Parramatta. Witham, on his Reo-Orient, will again figure on scratch, and will concede starts to all the other competitors. Amongst those who were received for the race, and of this number the majority faced the starter. The contest was run under the auspices of the New South Wales Cyclists' Union, and provided some excellent sport. After the recent rains the track were in splendid condition. The following is the result of the competition:—R. A. Brown (Eastern Suburbs), 2m 30s start, 1; G. Baker (Petersham), 2m 30s start, 2; F. A. Betts (Enfield), 2m 40s, 3. T. Pollock, 1m 10s, did the fastest time,—viz., 28m 18s.

annexing the cup, may be mentioned Forest Finlay, F. Daniels, and J. Jarman.

GOULBURN-SYDNEY ROAD RACE.

The entries for the road race, which the New South Wales Cyclists' Association will hold on September 22, closed on Saturday night. A complete list will, however, not be published until Wednesday, as the secretary states that all the country riders' nominations will not reach him before to-morrow evening. Over 200 entries have been received up to date. It is expected that fully 50 more names will be sent in.

NEW ZEALAND RACING.

The latest files from New Zealand give some particulars of the big cycle programme of events which will take place at Christchurch during the Exhibition. Altogether four meetings will be held, the dates fixed upon being December 17, 22, 25, and 26. The racing, which will be conducted by the Christchurch Cycling Club, promises to be the best yet decided in that island. Over 70 races will be run. These will include a couple of ten miles events, two half-mile contests, four one-mile races, besides several lesser items for second-class and novice competitors. Several valuable cups will be competed for, including the Robertson trophy, valued at £25, and the Royal Easter Cup, valued at £100. The cash prizes will be valuable, £21 having been set apart for each of the quarter, half, and one mile contests.

SPEED OF MOTOR CARS.

The lot of the British motorist is likely to be far from happy in the future should the Imperial Parliament agree to some of the proposals embodied in the report issued by the Royal Commission. The recommendations contain many changes in the existing motor law. Divided into two heads, they are classed thus: Those favourable to motorists, and those unfavourable.

Favourable to Motorists.

Abolishing the 20-mile speed limit.
Taxation of motor cars for road improvements.
Removal of obstructions on rural highways.
Simplifying identification marks on manufacturers' cars.
Special penalty for drunken drivers.
Right of appeal where endorsement or fine over 20s has been imposed.
Penalty for smoke emission (excessive) or undue noise or vibration.
Trade cars to be taxed half as much as pleasure cars.

Unfavourable to Motorists.

Imposition of a 12-mile limit, subject to the discretion of local authorities.
Identification plates to be larger, and to be supplied by a local authority only.
The registering authority to have power of weighing any car, laden or unladen.
Extending facilities for the public to ascertain name and address of owners of motor cars.
Two lamps to be carried on each side of car in front.

SINGLETON TO TIGHE'S HILL RACE.

SINGLETON, Saturday.

The annual great northern speedwell road race from Singleton to Tighe's Hill, Newcastle, under the auspices of the Newcastle Bicycle Club, was held this afternoon. Out of 17 entries 12 cried "contest," and the first of 28 who competed was sent away at 2.2 p.m. by Alderman Henry York, Mayor of Singleton, and Mr. W. L. Bennet, of Newcastle Club, who acted as judges. The last man was despatched at 2.34. A large number of residents assembled at the starting point, the Royal Hotel, and cheered the competitors as they left their marks.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

A road race from Singleton to Newcastle (50 miles) was run off to-day. The roads for the greater part of the distance were in fairly good trim, but in some places they were somewhat heavy owing to the late rains. Following is the result of the race:—C. Lavis (9m), 1; A. H. Shepherd (scr.), 2; G. Bjerre (7m), 3; J. Leech (22m), 4. The winner's time was 3h 56m 50s. Shepherd did the fastest time, he having covered the distance in 3m 32m 7s.

NEW ZEALAND ROAD RACE.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Timaru-Christchurch road race resulted:—McLarry, 1; Birch, 2.

TASMANIAN ROAD RACE.

HOBART, Sunday.

A cycling road race of about 118 miles from Launceston took place on Saturday. Result:—A. Page (28m), 2h 29m 30s, 1; R. C. Powell (scr.), 2h 30m 25s, 2; C. Hardman (28m), 3h 31m 5s, 3. Powell was leading till within 50 yards of the winning-post, when Page spurted, and won by three lengths. A large crowd assembled at the winning-post, and all along the route residents turned out in numbers.

PERTH (W.A.) ROAD RACE.

PERTH, Sunday.

The Beverley to Perth road race, run yesterday, resulted in a win for A. E. Wright, with E. Bennett second, and Laird third. The winner's time for 115 miles was 6 hours 10 minutes 38 seconds.

DANGER SIGNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is about time that the Government took over the control of placing danger signs along many of the cycling routes where steep grades along the roads exist, to warn cyclists and others; and the necessity for this has been shown only too clearly after the very sad fatality that happened to the late Mr. John Ryan, whose untimely death has thrown Lithgow people into mourning over the loss of one of her best and smartest business men. The grade on the Gap is one of the worst (if not the worst) around this mountainous district. Again, all bicycles should be fitted with inseparable brakes, and be subjected to a Government test before sale. I am sure accidents occur frequently through a flaw in their mechanism also.

I am, etc.,

J. G. PEARSON.

ROWING.

GLEBE CLUB.

Glebe Rowing Club pair-oar race, rowed on Saturday afternoon, although the weather favoured with fine weather was well carried out. There were nine crews, and nearly all rowed well. In the first heat H. Larsen and E. Vass won from W. Realph and S. Walker, the third crew being Hopkinson and Dickson. In the second heat M. Killen and W. L. Ada won easily from S. Robert and W. Vass, also from Fitzpatrick and Sharp, who had to retire through the breaking of a slide. The final heat was won by a half-length by M'Donald and Black, Douglas and Stevens second, and Harding and Mathews third. In the final heat, after a good race, Larsen and Vass won by a length from Killen and Ada, Black and M'Donald being third.

ROWING ASSOCIATION REGATTA.

The strong wind on Saturday prevented the clubs from doing satisfactory work in the boats, but during the week there has been a good deal of useful work done, and everything preparing for the Rowing Association regatta. Sydney has a maiden four, maiden eight, and champion four in the hands of coaches, and will be strongly represented at all three events. The Mercantile Club has maiden four, maiden eight, two champion fours, and will probably get a junior four out of the eight, which, however, will be very little, if any, practice in the four. Leichhardt has maiden four, maiden eight, junior four, and champion four, and all are good crews. North Sydney will have a maiden eight of excellent material, and may get a four. Balmain, Glebe, and Enterprise are expected to get crews for both maiden events, and St. Ignatius may get a junior four. University crews may get one or two crews, but it is reported to be very much in earnest about getting a senior eight together for St. Ignatius regatta, which will be held three weeks later than the association regatta, which is fixed for October 6.

INTERNATIONAL ROWING.

The Harvard-Cambridge eight-oar race has been definitely fixed for the 15th inst., and will be rowed on the Thames. Harvard beat Yale at New London (U.S.A.) (America) June 28, but had not won for several years previous to this, and has only beaten Yale four times in 21 races. The present race is in no way an international challenge, and Harvard's object is said to be a wish to test the value of their present style of rowing.

MURWILLUMBAH, Sunday.

The champion sculler, George Towns, accompanied by Mr. Fogwell and others, passed through Murwillumbah yesterday afternoon. They were met and welcomed by officials of the local rowing club.

BILLIARDS.

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. SMITH v W. PARKER.

The match for the championship of New South Wales, between F. Smith and W. Parker (3000 up), was continued on Saturday night at Messrs. Hetrich and Smith's billiard rooms, Castlereagh-street. When the session opened the game stood W. Parker (in play), 2200; F. Smith, 2832. The latter was in good touch, while on the other hand his opponent gave something like a true glimpse of his capabilities. The latter made quite a number of profitable visits, making such good use of Parker's mistakes that when the sitting came to a close he had reduced his deficit to 67, the scores being called—Parker, 3000; Smith, 3335. The best breaks were:—

Parker: 39, 31, 30, 28, and 26.
Smith: 30, 24, 54, 21, 84, 40, 54, 114, 32, 33, 23, 60, and 22.

The match will be continued this evening.

CITY TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

TO-NIGHT'S FINAL.

The final of the above tournament will be played to-night, the opponents being E. Johnston (rec. 120) and H. J. Stynes (rec. 130).

CHAMPIONSHIP OF ST. GEORGE.

The game set down for decision between "Cannon" and "Pyramid" for Friday evening in the first round of the tournament for the championship of St. George did not take place, owing to the illness of one of the players. The game will probably be played during the week. "Hazard" and J. Thornley will meet this evening, and "Maxim" and "Smoker" on Wednesday night.

THE INCOME TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The hon. member for Lane Cove is asking a series of questions in the House with regard to the working of the Income Tax Act. He might have gone further, and asked for a list of the refunds made since the repeal of clause 53, the years for which they were so made, together with the names of the adjusters, and the name or names of the officers whose report sanctioned such refunds. As these are pertinent questions, Income tax adjusters ought to rejoice at the publication of this information, as it would be a kind of cheap advertisement for them. I am, etc.,

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4 FIRST-CLASS TIPCART TURNOUTS, AND HOODED BRADLEY CART LOT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Saunders, of Pyrmont, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, MONDAY, at 11 a.m.,
4 Heavy Draught Geldings, stanch and reliable, any trial, 4 Tipcarts and 4 Sets of Harness, the carts were made to order with guard irons, and can be converted to carry coal, or suit a market gardener. Also a stout Pony Hooded Bradley Cart and Harness, in good condition. Anyone requiring any of the above should not miss this opportunity, as every line will be sold Without Reserve.
STYLISH SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. W. Bowie to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,
First-class Sulky Turnout.
5 LIGHT AND HEAVY HORSES FROM BROWNLOW HILL.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Francis, Brownlow Hill, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Pair of Bay Ponies, 14 hands, reliable in harness; Bay Gelding, 15 hands, suit a socialble; also 2 heavy Draught Geldings, thoroughly stanch, any trial.
SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. H. Morton to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness.
TATTERSALL'S CLUB SEPTEMBER RACE MEETING.
SALE OF GATES.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Secretary Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, MONDAY, Sept. 3, at 12 o'clock,
THE RIGHT TO COLLECT at the Entrance Gates during the above Meeting, to be held at Randwick on SATURDAY, Sept. 8.
TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
IN THE ESTATE OF MARK PERKINS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. L. T. Lloyd, Official Assignee, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, MONDAY, September 3rd, at 12 o'clock,
PYORA, bay Mare, 8 yrs., 14.1 Kens. cart., by Positano, dam unknown.
RACING GELDING RAP.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Burton to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock,
RAP, Chestnut Gelding, by Prime Minister from Office. Full pedigrees and performances at sale.
TROTTING GELDING FROM ARMIDALE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. C. Simpson, Armidale, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Trotting Gelding (rec. 2m 18s, R. Borders), by Prince Imperial from Hattie Weir (imp.)—Duke, by Berlin (imp.) from Fannie Bell (imp.), untried.
TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. Battersby to sell by auction, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), at 12 o'clock,
MUSETTE, Bay Mare, 14.1 Kens. cart., 4 yrs., by Musketoon; also POETRY, Bay Mare, 5 yrs., 14 hands, Kens. cert., by Beauchamp, both untrained.

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ALCORN.—The Funeral of the deceased Mr. RICHARD ALCORN, late of Jerry's Plains, will leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-street, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 8.45, for the Necropolis.
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BENTLEY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. A. H. BENTLEY will leave Chester, Clarendon-road, Stanmore, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Petersham station, and thence to Necropolis.
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COLBRAN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARGARET COLBRAN will leave her residence, Carlisle-street, Ashfield, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Ashfield station.
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DUNLOP.—The Funeral of the late W. P. DUNLOP will move from his brother's residence Ashenhurst, Burwood-road, Burwood, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, for Burwood station, at 2.45, thence per spl sal train to the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. Sydney friends join special train at Mortuary station, Regent-street, leaving at 2 o'clock. No flowers.
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FAIRBURN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS FAIRBURN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, John; to move from their residence, No. 51 Hordern-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Newtown Station, thence to Rookwood. GEORGE SHYING, 176 George-st. West.

FAIRBURN.—The Friends of Miss E. and W. FAIRBURN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, John; to move from No. 51 Hordern-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Newtown Station, thence to Rookwood.
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FAIRBURN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. COLEMAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, John Fairburn; to move from No. 51 Hordern-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Rookwood.
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GLOVER.—The Funeral of the late SUSAN ISABEL GLOVER will leave her late residence, Galena, Croydon-street, Petersham, for Rookwood Cemetery, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, via Petersham Station. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown; and at Kogarah.

GOOLD.—The Friends of the late MARIA PHILOMENA GOOLD are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 23 Leicester-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Monday), at 5 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

HART.—The Funeral of the late STUDLEY HENRY HART will leave his late residence, Woid'e-avenue, Hurstville, TO-DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Sutherland Cemetery. By request, no flowers or mourning.
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THE Members of the Loyal Waterloo Lodge, No. 15, I.O.O.F., are invited to attend the Funeral of Bro. STUDLEY HART; to leave his late residence, Woid'e-avenue, Hurstville, THIS DAY, Sept. 3, at 2.20, for Hurstville station, thence Sutherland Cemetery.
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HERON.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN HERON will move from his late residence, Mar House, No. 5 Upper Bayview-street, M'Mahon's Point, North Sydney, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Gore Hill. No flowers.
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HUGHES.—The Friends of WILLIAM MORRIS HUGHES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Elizabeth; to move from his residence, Osborne Park, Gore hill, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30 o'clock, for Gore Hill Ct. of L. Cemetery.
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KENWORTHY.—The Friends of the late ALBERT EDWARD KENWORTHY are invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Lorna, Albion-street, Harris Park, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
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MACGREGOR.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZA McGREGOR will leave her late residence, 153 Union-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW (Tuesday), at 8.15 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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McSWEENEY.—The Friends of Mr. JOSEPH McSWEENEY, Senr., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE,Mary Ann; to move from her late residence, 131 Church-st, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station.
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McSWEENEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. SIMPSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mary Ann McSweeney; to move from her late residence, 131 Church-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station.
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OLIVER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EMANUEL OLIVER are kindly invited to follow the remains of their dearly beloved SON, Percy, late electrician of the Great Thurston Company; to move from their residence, 356 Riley-street, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA,
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REDDING.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHANNA REDDING and Messrs. MARCUS, MARY, NELLIE, and PATRICK REDDING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Patrick Redding; to leave their residence, 200 Bathurst-street, Darlinghurst, THIS MONDAY, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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RENFREY.—The Funeral of the late Mr. SAMUEL RENFREY will leave his late residence, Hamilton, Nicholson-street, Balmain East, THIS MONDAY, at 2 p.m., for the late Field of Mars Cemetery.
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ROBERTSON.—The Friends of FREDERICK, ALEXANDER, LILLIAN, and WILLIAM ROBERTSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Ethel; to leave 45 Riley-street, Woolloomooloo, TO-DAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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SHELDRICK.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. JOHN SHELDRICK are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 207 Beattie-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
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TEASDELL.—The Friends of RICHARD FRANCIS TEASDELL are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Church-street, Parramatta, TO-MORROW (Tuesday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. Orders to North Sydney, W'mantle Metcalfe and Co., Undertakers.

WHITELAW.—The Friends of Mr. HENRY WHITELAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Elizabeth Margaret; to move from his residence, Bridge-street, Homebush, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at 9.30 o'clock, by road to Necropolis. Sydney friends please take train leaving Sydney station at 9.35 a.m.
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